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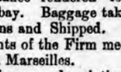

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BOMBAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1907.

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NOTICE.

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BOMBAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1907.

THE PORT CANNING AND LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND, at the Rate of Rs. 27 (Twenty-Seven) per Share, has been declared and will be payable on and after TUESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, to Shareholders on the Register on the 28th idem, on production of their Share Certificates.

The Dividend will be paid to Shareholders at the Company's Office, No. 8 Forbes Street, between the hours of 12-30 and 3-30 p.m. (Standard Time), on week days and between 11-30 A.M. and 2-30 P.M. (Standard Time) on Saturdays.

By Order,
PEROSHAW B. R. MODY,
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BOMBAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1907.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of STATIONERY and PAPER for this Railway System for one year, commencing from 1st January, 1908.

2. Tenders will be received upto noon on MONDAY, 30th September 1907, and should be addressed to the Chief Auditor, Bengal and North-Western Railway, Gorakhpur, in a sealed cover, superscribed "Tenders for Stationery and Paper."

3. All tenders received will be opened in the office of the Agent, Bengal and North-Western Railway, Gorakhpur, on Tuesday, 1st October 1907.

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GORAKHPUR, 23RD AUGUST, 1907.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of Rs. 50 per share, free of Income Tax, for the half year ending 30th June, 1907, has been declared, and made payable at the Registered Office of the Company on and after THURSDAY, the 29th instant, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Bombay Time), (except on Saturdays, when it will be paid between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) to those Members whose names stand on the Company's Register on the 21st idem. Dividend Warrants can be obtained by the Members on producing their Share Certificates.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, up to 1P.M. (Bombay Time), on SATURDAY the 7th day of September, 1907, for excavating trenches, casting and laying pipes and other works for laying a 24" × 18" Water Main from Parel Road (Kalachauki) to Bhandarwada Reservoir.

2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may be obtained from the Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 826 to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash, or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender, or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment, to make the total deposit equivalent to 5 per cent. on the Contract amount, will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
JOSEPH HALL, M.INST.C.E., M.INST. MECH.E., &c.,
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1907.

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Are received for varying periods up to 12 months on terms which may be ascertained on application.
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CAPITAL CALLED UP ... „ 50,00,000

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Amounts for 12 months are received at 4½ per cent. and for other periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....	Yen 24,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	„ 21,000,000
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND...	„ 11,050,000
SPECIAL RESERVE for SILVER FUND	„ 1,000,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	„ 2,500,000

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	Chefoo	Dairen (Dalny)	

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PASSENGERS met on Arrival and
BAGGAGE received for Shipment and Clearance
INSURANCES of every description effected.

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PHIROZE M. DAST

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Strathd 2846 tons, Captain G White will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE steamer Gloamin 2248 tons, Captain J W Learmouth, will sail to day for Karachi, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's, steamer Shirala, 3400 tons, Captain C Scott, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal and general.

THE German East Africa Line steamer Somali 1622 tons. Captain W Timm, will sail to-day for Zanzibar &c with a general cargo and 15 cabin and 180 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 59 tons, Captai n W Moxon, will sail to-day for Persian Gulf &c, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Major C G Graced Miss Stubbas Store Sergt Roberts and wife and 110 deck.

THE Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Tuesday 27th August, should be regarded as a Full Weather Working Day for Vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

R I M S Hardinge ....Comdr G A Rose ..... R I Marine
R I M S Margarita ....Capt W L Kelly ..... Pearl Fishery
R I M S Investigator...Capt W G Beauchamp ..... R I Marine
R I M S Palinurus ....Capt Holloway ..... Survey Boat
Three Torpedo Boats ..... Royal Navy
R I M S Minto..... Comdr Hardern ..... R I Marine

In the stream.

R I M S Dufferin Comdr H S Black ..... R I Marine
R I M S Northb. ook...N J F Wilson ..... R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—August 28

Capri	3781	Belsito	F & R S N Co
Gerd	750	Andreasen	F P O & Co
Ipswich	513	Wallace	Shah S N Co
Itaura	3383	Thomson	M M & Co
Islami	16	4 Newby	B & P S N Co
Kola	1293	Cole	M M & Co
Lalpoora	3194	Hodgson	M M & Co
Marazon	3522	Powell	P & O Co
Magician	3271	McKee	
Mairung	3802	Thom-on	Turner Morrison & Co
Orissa	3523	Ke slie	M M & Co
Oriental	3385	Tocquen	P & O Co
Singa	1912	Reid	Shaw Wallace & Co
Shahnoor	3783	Foster	Shah S N Co
Shahieban	3566	Davison	Shah S N Co
Shah Najam	3781	Davison	Shah S N Co
Shirala	3400	Scott	M M & Co
Umvot	1669	Robertson	A Strandes
Xema	446	Mohamad...K'chi...N F	The Shah S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—August 28.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Hindoo	3156	Jones	Hull	4-9	F Muir & Co
B	Dinbigh Hall	3311	Dowse	L'pool	29-8	K Nixon & Co
D & E	Onda	3409	Garland	Calcutta	31-8	M M & Co
F	Newsbera	1961	Abbott	Rangoon	1-9	M M & Co
H	Nesseri	917	Primrose	P Gulf	29-8	B P S N Co
K	Delhi	4783	Andrews	Shanghai	16-9	P & O Co
N	Ungesi	1666	Clark	Dunkirk	30-8	K Nixon & Co
O	Somali	1622	Timm	Z'bar	29-8	A Strandes
P	Pircozi	2016	Watson	Jeddah	1-9	B & P S N Cy
Q	Kirkfield	2275	Dermody	Dunkirk	1-9	W & A G & Co

H W P D

Mahanadi	547	Ahmad	K'chi		3-9	Bo S N Co
Sabarmati	524	Mohamad	M'Goa		31-8	Bo S N Co
Satrunji	547	Hoosein	K'chi			Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Schoufels	3611	Kloppenburg	K'chi	31-8	Glade & Co
2	Darsufels	3469	Engelage	K'chi	10-9	Glade & Co
3	Commodore	2913	Rose	Hull	3-9	W & A G & Co
5	Gloamin	2248	Learmouth	K'chi	29	B F Muir & Co
7	Ystorofu Maru	3067	Sato	Kobe	4-9	N Y Kaisha
8	Silesia	3340	Bergullian	Trieste	1-9	A L S N Co
10&11	Oceana	3307	Hayward	Shanghai	3-9	P & O Co
12	Caledonia	3529	Tocque	London	31-8	P & O Co
14	Lhasa	936	McDiarmid	K'chi	30-8	M M & Co

H W D

Dwarka	759	Moxon	Busrch		29-8	M M & Co

M W D D

Obra	3521	Cammack	Z'bar		30-8	M M & Co

ARRIVAL.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Shirala s	Scott	Calcutta, Aug 14

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Dwarka, Moxon, for Persian Gulf &c.
" Strathdee, White, for Calcutta.
" Gloamin, Learmouth, for Karachi.
" Somali, Timm, for Zanzibar, &c.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Singa, for Rangoon, &c.
" Onda, for Calcutta, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Vessel.	From
Clan Gordon	Liverpool
Perlak	Calcutta
Clan Chisholm	Coast
Nadir	Calcutta
Twingone	Cocanada
[illegible]	Straits
[illegible]ana	Calcutta
[illegible]ia	Negapatam
[illegible]	Calcutta

[illegible]MERS EXPECTED.

[illegible]	Bombay
[illegible]ru	Calcutta
[illegible]	Penang
[illegible]	Rangoon
[illegible]	Coast
[illegible]	Antwerp
[illegible]	Middlesbro
[illegible]	Liverpool
[illegible]	Natal

[illegible]roximate only.

[illegible]S TELEGRAMS.

[illegible]ER MOVEMENTS.

[illegible]teamer Persia, arrived at Suez from [illegible]t the 26th instant.

[illegible]—AUGUST 28.

[illegible]N.

[illegible] Ajmere Import and [illegible], G P Shavrides and [illegible]an 100 bales hemp, [illegible] hemp, G Madhomji

[illegible] Stavrides and Co.

[illegible] Stavrides and Co

[illegible]PHIA.

[illegible] P Stavrides and Co.

[illegible]ed, Louis Dreyfus and

[illegible]NKIRK.

[illegible]otton, E Spinner and Co ; 330 [illegible]art Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

[illegible]0 bales hemp R Reeves and Co ; 257 [illegible]aballams, Arjoon Khimjee ; 75 cwts lac. [illegible]z and Son ; 55 bales twist, F F Campbell [illegible] 27 cases guts, A Meyer ; 80 bales twist [illegible]aukhrai and Co; 4600 cwt rapeseed, Volkart [illegible]15 bales twist, Greaves Cotton and Co.

FOR GENOA.

[illegible] Hall s—440 bales cotton, N Cursetji and Co ; [illegible]00 cwts linseed, J Fachiri, 4000 cwts linseed, K Nixon and Co ; 100 bales hemp, G Madhawji an [illegible]Co ; 9004 cwt linseed. A Blascheck and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

[illegible]s—11 bales twist, M Kesowjee and Co ; 4 bales [illegible]t, A Blascheck and Co ; 21 bales twist, Khan [illegible]p ; 2 cases black tea, B Eduljee ; 1 bale twist, [illegible]E Sassoon and Co ; 100 bales twist. Bombay [illegible]al Trading Co ; 225 cwts linseed P Scorji and

FOR HONGKONG.

[illegible]aru s—125 bales twist, The Metsui B Kaisha,

FOR SHANGHAI

[illegible]a s—50 bales twist, The Metsui B Khaisha.

[illegible]a s—100 bales twist, Framji Sons and Co ; 206 [illegible]les twist, M M Essabhoy.

FOR KOBE.

[illegible]ofu s—63 bales cotton, M M Essabhoy ; 50 bales cotton, The Metsui B Kaisha ; 400 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Ystofuru Maru s—200 bales cotton, The Metsui B Kaisha.

THE Officer Commanding 113th Infantry will detail a Guard of Honour, composed of 50 Rank and File, under the Command of a Native Officer, to be at the Apollo Bunder, at 9-15 a.m., on Friday, the 30th August, to receive His Highness the Maharaja of Alwar on his arrival from Marseilles by the P. and O. s. s. *Egypt*. Dress—Review Order, Summer Clothing. A salute of 15 guns will be fired from the Saluting Battery on the arrival of the P. and O. s.s. *Egypt*, to announce the arrival of His Highness the Maharaja of Alwar.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *August 27.*] [BOMBAY, *August 28.*

FINANCIAL.

		Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent.	Consols ...	83 11/16	1/4	
3 do.	Rentes ...	94 3/4	1/4	
3½ do.	Sterling Loan ...	98 9/16	3/8	
3¼ do.	Govt. Securities ...	84 7/16		unchgd
Bar Silver in London	...	31 1/2	1/8	
Do. do.	2 months' hence	31 5/8	1/8	
Do.	in New York ...	68 3/8	1/8	
Exchange on London at Paris	...	25·18		1
Do. do. do.	Berlin.	20·51 1/2		1/4
Do. do. do.	New York.	4·86 1/2		3/4
Discount Bank of England Rate.		4½	Since	15 Aug
Do.	Short London Bills,	4 1/4		1/4
Do.	3 months' sight			
Do.	Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	4 7/8		⅛
Do.	3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 7/8		1/8
Do.	6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	5 1/2		1/4
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...		2 3/8		1/8
Do. 7-day	Market Loans	3		1/8

Amount paid into the Bank of England £ 75,000. Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate). 1s 3d 7/8

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	...Fair busn
Futures	...Steady.
East Indian	...Quiet.
Manchester	...Steady.
Total Sales	...
Sold on Speculation and for Export	...
Imports	...6 000
Mid-Americans	...7·44—03
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	... 10 11/16 unchgd.

Future Delivery Prices—

Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
6·94 +01	.....	.....	6·69 +01

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.
6·67 unchgd	6·66 unchgd	6·67 unchgd	6·68 +01	.....

New York—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ...	... 4,000
Do. do. last year	... 19, 00
Exports to Great Britain	... .
Do. to Continent ...	... 1,000
Spot Cotton—13·55 +05	

Futures—Month of Dec. 12·42 +16 — Declined early owing to official weather reports. Cables ordered advanced as there is talk of a corner being formed.

Futures-Month of March, 12·81 + 16

New Orleans

Spot Cotton—13 9/16 + ¼
Futures—Month of October 12·81 + 15
Do. do. December 12·66 + 15
Closing Tone of Futures.—firm.

WHEAT.

Red Karachi—35 3/4 New Terms—Sept.-Oct.—London, Buyers—Canal.
Tone of Wheat—Firm.

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

	* on 26th	on 27th
Brown Cawnpore,	54 1/2 Aug.-Sept. Hamburg Buyers—Canal.	54 3/4 Aug.-Sept. Hamburg Done—Canal.

* Repetition.
Tone of Rapeseed—Firmer.

Linseed :—

Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 48 Aug.-September—Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6¾ unchanged.

Sugar :—

German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F. India, 12s. 6d.
Months of Shipment—Oct.-Dec.—Sellers.
Tone of Sugar—Quiet.

Rubber :—

Para Rubber 4s. 7 1/2d Done.

ARRIVALS :—

"Dumbia," "Crosby Hall," "Africa."

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Box Soys (60 Coins. Rupees	Rs. 5,490 1,169 1,000	Aden	Oriental	H J Moosa
82 Boxes Sycee Silver	...	Shanghai	Delhi	Sepdt. V & P Docks
814 Boxes Sycee Silver	...	Shanghai	do	The Mint Master
1 Case Silver Rupees	84 4,970	London	Oceana	Thomas Cook and Sons

BOMBAY MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.] [28TH AUGUST, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Bank Rates—

Bank of England ...4½ per cent. from 15th Aug.
Bank of Bengal .....3 per cent. „ 25th July.
Bank of Bombay.....3 per cent. „ 1st Aug.
Bank of Madras .....4 per cent. „ 9th July.

Money :—

Borrowers at 2½ per cent. per annum for two months fixed.

Exchange :—

Being Council Bill day the Banks as usual closed early. Rates opened steady at 1s. 3 31/32d. T. T. and ¼ on demand, although some Banks were only selling at 1/32 under these quotations. There is however only a small demand for Banks bills. Credits are quoted at 1s. 4 1/4d. 3 months' sight, but one Bank has been open to buy at 1s. 4 7/32d. 3 months' sight without getting much. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 3 15/16d. to 31/32d.
Demand Draft	1s. 3 31/32d. to 1/4d.
Credits— 3 months' sight ...	1s. 4 1/4d. to 7/32d.
Do. 6 months' sight ...	1s. 4 15/32d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France	170
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	139
Hongkong—30 days' sight... ...	163
Yokohama—30 days' sight	150 1/2
Shanghai— 30 days' sight	233

Government Paper :—

The market opened to-day at Rs. 97 7/8 for the first settlement and Rs. 97 11/16 for the second settlement. A moderate business has been transacted in anticipation of the settlement on Friday and at the close the market is firm at opening quotations. Calcutta market is also steady at Rs. 96 7/8 ready and Rs. 97 3/4 for delivery in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs. 96·14
1st Settlement	„ 96·14
2nd Settlement	„ 96·11

Bullion :—

Reuter advises the London Bar silver rates as up 1/8 at 31 1/2 ready and 31 5/8 for two months delivery, New York being 1/8 better at 68 3/8. The rise has not been responded to locally for although the market for ready bars opened at 80 3/16 ex-duty the rate gave way during the day to close at 79 13/16. Forward rates are noted below. Bar gold is steady.

	Rs	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	1	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	6
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver *ex* Duty—Ready	79	13	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	79	12	0
Ditto 2nd „ ...	79	12	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

The further rise in the American markets has caused a firmer feeling locally and prices are Re.1 to Rs. 2 higher for New Crop. A small business is reported, as buyers are not keen, while on the other hand, sellers are holding back anticipating a further advance.

In ready cotton a small business was done at Colaba chiefly by mills.

NEW CROP.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	279	March 08
Good M. G. Broach ...	265	„
Fine „ Nagpur Kampti.. „	239	Jany. 03
„ „ Damangaum Pool-gaum ... „	231	„
„ „ Khangaum Akola „	232/23	„
„ „ Amraoti... „	222/23	„
„ „ Muttia ... „	210	„
F.G.M.G. Khandesh ... „	202	„
Fine M. G. „ ... „	211	„
„ „ Bengals ... „	205	„
„ „ „ ... „	207	Dec. 07
„ „ „ ... „	209	Nov. 07
Fully Good H. G Bengals... „	197/88	Jany. 08

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone ...	...	...	Steady.
Estimated Sales ...	...	...	6,000 bals
Total Imports ...	...	...	3,000 „

Future Delivery Prices :—

Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov	Nov.-Dec	Dec.-Jan.
7·03 +09	6·91 +07	6·83 +08	6·77 +08	6·75 +08

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	Mar.-Apr.	Apr.-May
6·74 +08	6·74 +09	6·75 +07	6·76 +08

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is firm and business has been done at the following rates :—

Ready....	...	Rs.	7	9	0
September	...	Rs.	7	15	0 to Rs. 8 0 0

Rapeseed :—

The market is steadier with more doing and we quote :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs.	9	2	0	to Rs. 9 3 0
Yellow Guzerat	„	10	1	0	

Gingellyseed :—

The market is slowly hardening and present quotations are as follows :—

Bold White 75 p. c.	...	Rs.	53	8 0 Dec.-Jan.
„ 75 p. c.	...	„	51	0 0
Black-Gutni	...	„	45	8 0

Poppyseed :—

The market is firmer with a better enquiry. We quote :—

Ready	...	Rs.	10 9 0

Castorseed :—

Tone—steady.	Rs.	38	0 0

Cottonseed :—

Tone—steadier.	Rs.	20	8 0

Mowrasseed :—

Tone—quiet.	Rs.	5	6 0 R. T

Wheat :—

The market is firmer and we quote :—

White Delhi ...	Rs.	5	6 0 Aug.-Septr.
New White Delhi ...	„	5	3 0 April-May

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—			
Bombay	1,382 1/2		
India	61 1/2		
Mills :—			
Century	1,685		X-D
David	452 1/2		do
Empress	440		do
Howard and Bullough ...	575		do
Maneckji Petit	3,475		
Standard...	1,250		X-D
Textile	1,200		do
Presses :—			
Mofussil	635		
Volkart's United	1,125		
Miscellaneous :—			
Badham Pile and Co.	125		
Bombay Flour Mill	995		
Bombay Steam Nav. Ordinary ...	277 1/2		
Colaba Land and Mill	1,120		
Delhi Flour Mill	170		
Marcks and Co	138		
Port Canning Land	480		
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate ...	60		
Treacher and Co	560		
Railways :—			
Ahmedabad Prantej	550		X-D
Amritsar-Patti	112		X-D
Tapti Valley	452 1/2		X-D

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton	1,618	bales.	
Wheat	27,290	cwts.	
Linseed	5,271	„	
Rapeseed...	4,093	„	
Gingellyseed	471	„	
Poppyseed	1,304	„	
Groundnuts	62	„	
Castorseed	3,050	„	
Rice	20,108	„	
Myrabollams	373	„	
Cottonseed	1,260	„	
Mowrasseed	12,717	„	
Gram	187	„	
Joowar	286	„	
Maize	nil	„	

Quotations Received by Wire.

MADRAS, AUGUST 21.

The following are the London quotations were received through Messrs. Scott and Tod, to-day :—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	10s.	£0 12 0	£0 13 3
Balaghat	£1	£1	£0 8 9	£0 10 0
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 7 6	£0 8 9
Hosur Gold	£1	15s. 4d.	£0 2 3	£0 2 9
Dec. G. F. Dev.....	£1	4s. 0d.	£0 2 3	£0 2 9
Dhar. Gold Mines ..	£1	£1	£1 6 9	£1 10 0
Dharwar Reefs.....	£1	£1	£0 15 0	£0 16 9
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	£0 0 9	£0 1 6
Glenrock, Ind	10s.	9s. 9d.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
G. F. Dharwar.....	£1	£1	£0 15 0	£0 16 6
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 11 3	£1 13 9
Hyderabad Dec	£3	£3	£1 17 6	£2 2 6
Ind. Mines Syn	4s.	3s.	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Kompinkoti New	5s.	5s.	£0 0 9	£0 1 0
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£5 15 0	£5 17 6
Mysore Reef Ord....	£1	£1	£0 0 0	£0 0 9
Mysore West	10s.	10s.	£0 0 1½	£0 0 6
Mysore Wynaad	£1	19s.	£0 0 1½	£0 0 6
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 4 0	£1 5 0
Ooregum (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 5 9	£0 6 3
Ooregum (Pref)	10s.	10s.	£0 9 6	£0 10 6
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 0 1½	£0 0 4
Sangli (New)	£1	15s.	£0 0 0	£0 0 3
Tapuldodi	£1	15s.	£0 8 9	£0 11 3

THE *Amrita Bazar Patrika* tells the following snake story :—"Lochman Mahato, a *Kairi* by caste, lives in the Seguna section of the town of Dinapore. Recently one night while he was sleeping with his wife and a child only two years old, the child dropped down from the bedstead, which fact they came to know shortly after, being roused by a hissing sound. On lighting a match they found to their great consternation a big cobra some four cubits in length, entwining the child. The whole neighbor-hood was roused. Two hurricane lamps attached to the end of two bamboo sticks were placed in front of the snake from a distance, which had the effect of closing down the snake a little. The child kept up crying and occasionally striking the snake with his little fists, but the cobra did nothing but hiss and cast occasional glances on the child, keeping a firm hold of it all the while. At last a plan was resorted to, to get rid of the snake. A frog was procured from a neighbouring well and a man getting on the frame of the ceiling kept it dancing by means of hooks and a string in front of the snake, which had the desired effect. The snake let go its hold of the child and advanced to catch its prey, when it was despatched by means of a spear."

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Re. 1 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

FUTEHALLY—August 24, at Santa Cruz, senior partner N. Futehally and Coy., Bombay, aged N. Futehally and Sons, Kobe.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

McINTOSH—August 19, at Darjeeling, the wife of H. J. McIntosh, I. C. S., of a son.
WAKEFIELD—August 20, at Udaipur, Rajputana, the wife of G. E. C. Wakefield, of a son.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 23m. Sun sets, 6h. 57m. High water, 3-15m., 3-12a. Low water, 8-53m., 9-22a.
New French Press Company, 7 Marine Street, 3-30 p.m.
Khandesh Press Company, 31 Church Gate Street, 4 p. m.
Bombay Rugby Football Tournament.
Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company,—"The Idler."

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Friday, August 30.—P. and O. s. s. "Egypt," with English mails of 16th instant, due to arrive at 9 a.m. Bombay Rugby Football Tournament. Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company, "The Admirable Crichton." Sun rises, 6h. 23m.; Sun sets, 6h. 56m.; High water, 4-9m., 3-53a.; Low water, 9-42m. 10-11a.

Saturday, August 31.—Bank Holiday, Bombay Rugby Football Tournament. Wilson College : Lecture on "Modern Developments in the Study of Mind," 7 p. m. Cricket : Bombay Gymkhana A. and B. Teams vs. Byculla Club and Customs respectively. The Scarlet Mysteries, Town Hall. Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company—"The Silver King." Sun rises, 6h. 23m.; Sun sets, 6h. 55m.; High water 5-22m., 1-41a.; Low water, 11-3a.; 11-23a.

Sunday, September 1.—14th Sunday after Trinity. Sun rises, 6h. 23m.; Sun sets, 6-55m.; High water, 7-7m.; 5-51a.; Low water, 0-57a.

Monday, September 2.—4th Criminal Sessions of the High Court. Bombay Gymkhana half-yearly general meeting, 6-30 p.m. The "Scarlet Mysteries" Town Hall. Khatau Makanji Spinning and Weaving Company, Oriental Buildings. 4 p.m. Gaiety Theatre : Bandamann Comedy Company,—"the Liars." Sun rises. 6h. 24m., Sun sets, 6h. 54m., High water, 8-31m., 7-28a., Low water, 0-45m., 2-19a.

Tuesday, September 3.—4th Criminal Sessions of the High Court. The Scarlet Mysteries, Town Hall. Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company—"Lady Windermere's Fan." Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 6h. 53m. High water, 9-21m., 8-41a. Low water, 1-43m., 2-9a.

Wednesday, September 4.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Gymkhana Mud Sports, 5-30 p.m. All-India United Assurance Company, 7 Green Street, 4-39 p. m. Fourth Criminal Sessions of the High Court. Royal Bombay Yacht Club, half yearly general meeting, 6-45 p. m. Hinguli Press Company, Macmillan Building, 3 p. m. Gaiety Theatre Bandmann Comedy Company—"The Sign of the Cross." Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 6h. 52m. High water, 10-0m., 9-29a. Low water, 2-34m., 3-49a.

MAHARAJA SCINDIA IN BOMBAY.—His Highness Maharaja Scindia has arrived in Bombay with twenty followers, and is putting up at the Hornby Vellard.

THE SILVER BAR LOST AT SEA.—The Silver bar which was reported to have fallen into the Sea, while being landed at the Town Custom Bunder from a prow, was taken out by a European diver on Tuesday. The bar was worth Rs. 2,500.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra s.s. "Umkuzi" *via* Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p. m. on the 30th August instead of the 28th instant as previously notified. A supplemental mail will also be closed at 7-30 p. m. on the 31st instant.

WANTING IN CAUTION.—Hanoomanta Ladhaji, a Hindu labourer, (35), working in Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas factory was adjusting the belting to a shaft in motion yesterday, when he let himself get caught by the belt. The result was, he was swing around and thrown on the ground on his head. His death was instantaneous. At the inquest by Mr. Coroner Chalk, a verdict of accidental death was returned.

A CARRIAGE COLLISION.—Mr. Manuel D'Souza, of Annunciation and Co., undertakers, was being driven down Clare Road towards the Parsee Station on Tuesday night in his shigram when one of the shafts gave way, frightening the horse, which bottled. The shigram overtook back victoria No. 1496 and collided with it. Both the vehicles were damaged. On the impact the driver of the shigram was thrown off his box. He sustained slight injuries to his head and body.

BAND AT THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. McNeill, V. D., and Officers of 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Ry., Vol. String Band will play the following programme of Music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-15 p.m. to-day :—

March	The Stars and Stripes for ever ..... Sousa
Overture	Esmeralda ..... Herrmann
Selection	The Gondoliers ..... Sullivan
Serenade	Italienna ..... Czibulka
Selection	Sergeant Brue ..... Lehmann
Valse	D Rêve ..... M D Pret

A CASE OF BRANDING.—Mr. C. H. Setalwad, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, sentenced one Nakobai, a Bhandari woman, to one month's rigorous imprisonment for branding Chandribai a Hindu girl, who resided with her husband at Dadar. Inspector Salway prosecuted. It appeared that the accused who was putting up with the complainant got suspicious that Chandri was poisoning her husband's mind against her. She thereupon took a red hot ladle and applied it to Chandri's cheeks, giving her serious injuries. Chandri raised a cry and neighbours saved her from getting more injuries at the accused's hands. The accused pleaded guilty to the offence.

DEATH OF MR. N. M. FATEHALLY.—We have to announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Nazer Mohammad Fatehally of Bank Street, Fort. He was in his younger days an active member of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and later on, for a long time, took a keen interest in the Municipal affairs of Bandra, of which he was the Vice-President. He was also the first Secretary of the Anjuman-i-Islam Library, since called the Anjuman-i-Islam Makba Library, which owes him a deep debt of gratitude for his exertions. He was ailing for some time and died at his residence in Santa Cruz on Saturday last. He has left behind him four grown up sons who are carrying on his business in Bombay, and Japan.

THE CONGRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—May I be allowed to draw attention to an important error in Mr. M. K. Patel's letter in your issue of Friday, 23rd instant ?

He refers to the Indian Congress as "the authorised politically representative body of the Empire" (Indian Empire, of course).

Is this correct ? I think not, as after over 20 years' existence the so-called Indian National Congress has no constitution of any sort, and is not representative of any body in India except itself : its members and so-called "delegates" appoint themselves, and hardly any of the so-called "Indian Nation"—or Empire if Mr. Patel so desires it—take any interest in its proceedings ; being for the most part ignorant of its very existence.

TRUE SWADESHI.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

A PREACHER'S CRIME.

In the High Court, Appellate Side, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Knight have disposed of an appeal preferred by Manekal Babcher and Dewshanker Bhawanishanker, who were in July last convicted by Mr. Dayaram Gidumal, Sessions Judge of Surat, of voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery and attempt to murder ; and were sentenced the former to ten years rigorous imprisonment for each offence ; and the latter to three years' rigorous imprisonment for each offence, the sentences to be concurrent. The offences was laid under section 394 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code.

The prosecution said that accused agreed to remarry Jadav, a widow, and took her from Sankhera to Surat, and thence to Bulsar. Accused 2 was the first accused's servant; No. 1 used to recite "katas" (i e. sermons) and No. 2 used to play on cymbals, and was, as it were, his shadow and obedient to his will. At Bulsar the three put up in a private Dharmsala, which belonged to the caste. No. 1 had told his audience at Sankhera that he was taking No. 2 to Baroda to effect his betrothal, and that he would return within two days and finish the sermon. He was to get about Rs. 150 on the sermon being finished, and he did not wish to lose that sum. He had persuaded Judav to leave, by promising to marry her ; and she had taken all her ornaments and cash with her. He really had no intention to marry her, for he feared to lose his caste and the in one of his profession. He meant to overcome the woman's scruples and make her consent to be his mistress, and to get her property. The woman, however, proved close-fisted and refused to part with her property unless No. 1 married her. She had shown distrust of him at Surat, and in the Dhuramsala had refused to give him the key of her box. Actuated by his greed, and desiring to secure the Rs. 150 he expected to get at Sankhera by returning within two days and resuming the sermon, and also coveting the woman's property worth Rs. 700, he asked her to sweep the cook-room in the Dhurmsala as a preliminary to their taking their food there, and while she was doing so, he threw her down and attempted to kill her with a newly-bought knife. No. 2 gagged the woman with his waist-cloth and held her fast, while No. 1 inflicted four wounds, two of which were on the two sides of her neck. Both the accused, who were novices in the art of killing, finding she did not die, lifted her up and threw her into a well which was a few paces from the the door of the cook-room.

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MR. HEALY AND IRELAND.

"That curious blend of milk and vitriol," as he has been described, Mr. Timothy Michael Healy, M.P. for North Louth, contributes to the *National Review*, a sprightly article on "Mr. Gladstone's Legatees." It used to be said that there were only three people who understood Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill—"Gladstone, Law and Tim Healy." So Mr. Healy's article may be accepted as something more than mere words when he writes of Ireland, though he once went forth into the wilderness alone. To-day, he says, the position is established that the greatest party of Liberals that ever mustered at Westminster stands affrighted at the tiniest of problems. Mr. Gladstone had only a majority of forty in 1893 yet he sent up to the Lords a Home Rule Bill. His successors have a majority of three hundred, and are paralysed by its magnitude. Before the Bill was rejected the threat was briskly piped that "stubborn Erin beyond it would get nothing. Irishmen remain unruffled. Even the menace of twenty years of irresolute government leaves us calm. The conquest of Ireland began in 1172. No precise date has yet been assigned for the Day of Judgment. We shall wait." And Nationalist Members wait and, in the next Session, we may expect them to pursue a policy of obstruction. Mr. Healy is scathing in his comments on what he regards as the indifference of the Government towards Ireland. In 1807, he writes, the book of the olden stories seemed about to close and a new chapter begin. The generation of Irishmen which writhed at the recollection of bitter days was passing away. Amongst Englishmen Mr. Gladstone's heroic conception of uniting the two islands in bonds of trust and affection evoked a new spirit. Even the arid Parliamentary manner of looking at Irish questions he considers to have been revolutionised. "Alas," exclaims Mr. Healy, "that great men should die and leave no heirs to their lofty ideals! Hardly had Mr. Gladstone resigned when Lord Rosebery started the reaction. Since then, no touch of insight lurking in a sympathetic phrase can be traced in the speeches of a member of his band. Under their influence international statesmanship in relation to Ireland has given place to political artifice. What a master-stroke of policy," he proceeds, "to present the Indian official, introduced into Dublin Castle by Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Wyndham as a counterfeit Gladstone! How deft and clever to unearth from the pigeon-holes of Dublin Castle some scraps of Tory policy and tender them in Parliament for Unionist mastication!"

We should have thought Mr. Healy would have found Sir Antony McDonnell somewhat to his liking. But no, in treating of Mr. Birrell's Irish Councils Bill, "crowned with every merit except success," he declares that Sir Antony, the "father" of the measure, would as soon think of giving India a Parliament, as of offering one to his native land. Yet he, for his pains, has been treated, we are told, by the Orangemen as a sort of cross between a Fenian and a Moonlighter. Sir Antony's translation of the Prime Minister's promise to associate the Irish with the control of their local affairs, is described as serving to throw upon a Council in Dublin, the more unpleasant details of business incidental to the maintenance of British rule, and keep every real power in the old hands. Says Mr. Healy, suddenly getting befogged as he essays a flight beyond the British Islands, "a Bombay Governor might, with the approval of Indian garrison opinion, tender the Babus a similar Bill." All unconscious of his latitude and longitude, he declares it marks a state of mind which regards Ireland as so absolutely subjugated, that to attract the loyalty or the allegiance of her inhabitants, is not worth an hour's thought. Mr. Healy argues that according to their theory of statesmanship Irish national feeling may in future be treated as a negligible quantity—as negligible we suppose as the national feeling of the Babus to whom a Governor of Bombay is to offer a Bill. Having once drawn on India for purposes of illustration, Mr. Healy turns to us again, to admit that the air of the British Parliament is, after all, more breatheable than that of the Black Hole of Calcutta, which we presume is intended as a compliment to the latter.

Mr. Healy's remark that Ireland has become so quiet that it is safe to calculate on the extent to which she may be neglected, reads strangely in connection with this morning's telegram from Longford. But that is by the way; Mr. Healy's criticism of Mr. Birrell is more to the point. He is referred to as the pilot of the stranded Education Bill. If that gentleman were an intriguer or a self-seeker, in the opinion of Mr. Birrell, he might easily become in due time Prime Minister of England. If he were gifted with a touch of ferocity and the faith which breeds bitterness, all the furniture which goes to make a captain of men would be his. His genial confessions of ignorance about Ireland"—like Mr. Healy's unwittingly confessed ignorance about India—"disarm criticism and allure the general camp, pioneers and all! His ornithology is perfect." We are assured that had Mr. Birrell consulted the first quay-porter who handled his luggage at the North Wall, he would have been spared the pains of introducing the Irish Councils Bill. Doubtless, says Mr. Healy, he disliked the task and yielded only to his official advisers, who assured him that the hungry Irish lacked stomach to reject even the most pallid substitute for Home Rule. The colleagues of the new Chief Secretary "probably also comforted him with the assurance that if the Bill were accepted, even on the instalment plan, it would for an indefinite period block any larger demand. If spurned, of course Liberalism would have discharged its whole duty to Ireland and could then devote the remainder of the Parliament to British business." In the view of Mr. Healy the introduction of the Bill and its rejection by an Irish Convention marked a turning-point in Irish history and will produce more far-reaching consequences than even the bringing in of the Home Rule Bill of 1886. As he expresses it, Mr. Gladstone's proposals rounded off a historic period in Irish discontents, beginning with the Fenian movement and ending with the Land League. "Desperation and violence in Ireland blossomed forth into legislation in England from 1869 to 1886. Let no man belittle Gladstone! Efforts at appeasement proportioned to the magnitude of the evils to be anodyned are as a large atonement to public justice. The Irish heart, with its secular surcharge of historic wrong, throbbed with fresh emotion when the horrors of the famine, the excesses of landlordism, the misery of emigration and unjust burdens of an alien Church were recalled. Decade by decade from Gladstone's hands came a Land Act, a Church Act, a Purchase Act, and a proposal for the re-establishment of an ancient legislature." The spirit in which these measures were offered, says Mr. Healy, wrought with high effect on the fires of race-hatred and political unrest. The present Government—Mr. Gladstone's Legatees as he terms them—might carry on his work, but they are incapable and unwilling. When the time comes Mr. Healy and his friends will endeavour to obtain terms or endeavour to keep them out of office.

WEEVILS IN STORED WHEAT.

The report of Mr. D. Hooper on his investigations into the problems connected with weevils in stored wheat, work carried out on behalf of the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence, is of interest to all India but more especially so to Western India where the greater part of the Punjab crop has to be dealt with in addition to the local supply, or surplus of the local supply, available for export. The experiments which initiated the enquiry were of an eminently simple character and were so arranged as to approximate as nearly as possible natural conditions. The results were startling in the extreme, for they showed the extraordinary rate of reduplication of life. An illustration is given by Mr. Hooper. On the 12th of April 50 weevils were set free in 100 grains of hard wheat and kept in a bottle the mouth of which was covered with muslin. On May 14th the insects were counted, and there were 41 alive and 40 dead. This shows an increase of 31 due to the appearance of the next generation. There is thus evidence, as one would naturally expect, of the two generations overlapping. The insects and wheat were returned to the bottle and kept under further observation. On June 10th the weevils had multiplied to such an extent that 600 were removed; this was done to simplify the counting during the third month. The next few days the insects were counted at intervals and were found to be increasing at the rate of 20 and afterwards of 30 per day. On July 1st another batch of 1,300 live insects was removed, and on the 12th, three months after the commencement of the experiment, the contents of the bottle were poisoned and 1,156 weevils were counted in the wheat. During the last few days they must have been hatching out at the rate of 100 per day. These figures become more amazing when the effect on the wheat is considered. In this particular experiment there was a yield of 3,056 insects in three months or, in other words, the weevils had multiplied themselves sixty times. It is clear, says Mr. Hooper, that each female insect punctured more than one grain of wheat; for, allowing that three thousand insects emerged from the eggs contained in 4,760 grains, sixty-three per cent. of the grain would have been destroyed. The accuracy of this is guaranteed by an actual count of the grains, which showed that sixty-five per cent were weevilled.

Mr. Hooper's next care is to show how the dealer can safeguard himself when buying. A small sample of the grain is taken and the percentage of opened grain ascertained. One hundred grains of the sound wheat and one hundred grains of the weevilled wheat are then weighed separately to determine the percentage in the latter of loss in weight. By multiplying the two percentages and dividing by 100 the total loss in the grain is found. Working on this method of calculating, Mr. Hooper found in a sample of Delhi wheat attacked by the "Sursuri" insect that 40 per cent of the wheat was weevilled and the wheat, compared with the sound grain, showed a loss of 60 per cent, a total loss of 24 per cent, while in a Calcutta sample a total loss of 14·1 per cent was found. Here then lies at the hand of the scientist the opportunity of discovering a means of combating the weevil if not of stamping it out in part. The ravages it commits, according to Mr. Hooper's figures, are almost equal to the ravages of famine in a moderate year, and the discovery of a means of extermination would rank with irrigation in its present value to India, both on behalf of the trader and the ryot.

THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

If we are to believe the telegram received through Reuter's agency, Senhor Joao Franco is abandoning the position which he took up in taking office, and is yielding to the force of expediency. Although the statement is bald and concise there yet remains the doubt as to its accuracy, for Portugal, for some time past, has looked askance at newspaper correspondents and there is good reason to doubt whether any report of the meeting of the Council of State would be altogether unbiassed. That Senhor Franco has succumbed to the clamour of the majority seems unlikely; that he considers the present the right time to revert to old methods is even more unlikely. His sole offence to the country has been his attempt to clean the political Augean Stables and until one realises exactly how corrupt the old system was, it is difficult to conceive how necessary was the advent of a strong and honest man and how long and arduous must be the task he has set himself. It is extremely doubtful whether a quarter of the Public Employes, the "Empregados Publicos," of Portugal ever actually earn a single rei of their salaries. Senhor Franco, being aware of this, ordered that all employes should collect their salaries personally. The effect was startling. Then followed a wholesale clearance of these political camp-followers. No wonder that the Dictator, as he became, proved unpopular. To reduce expenditure on the army and navy is matter for raging controversy at Home, to reduce expenditure by cutting off the leak into the private pocket proved matter beyond description. That is why it is difficult to believe that Senhor Franco has expressed the opinions attributed to him. That a Constitutional Monarchy is preferable, in general, to any other form of government is generally accepted, but where a country is fundamentally unsound from the political point of view, the reign of the strong man, Dictator, call him what one will, is infinitely preferable, for when chaos reigns it is, if one believe history, the task of one man and one man alone to restore order. If Senhor Franco is relinquishing his attempts to pull the country's finances into order, then the era of good government is still far off.

AMERICAN COTTON.

Considerable interest is now being shown by the Cotton Trade in the progress of the New Cotton Crop in America. Taking the world's consumption of Americans during the past two years as a basis, it is generally admitted that a crop of at least 12 million bales is necessary for requirements this season. A large surplus of the past season's crop will be carried over on the 1st September when the cotton year commences, but considerably the major portion of this cotton is of low quality, which has, so far, remained unsaleable, and is likely to do so for some time to come. The past season's crop, though a large one, was comparatively poor in quality, and the effect this had on prices of the higher grades is too vivid to be readily forgotten. What therefore is now required is a crop of over 12 million bales of *average good quality*, and this will be the governing influence in the future of the market. The crop has now to face the critical month of September, and on the weather conditions prevailing in America this month will probably depend the ultimate outturn. So far, the position is as follows :—The acreage planted this year is a record but the bad weather during the early part of the season may have caused part of the area planted to be abandoned. At the same time we may take it for granted that no farmer who had the least chance of raising even an ordinary crop of cotton would, at the prices ruling, have thought of abandoning his land. A backward start, owing to unfavourable weather, made the crop a fortnight or more late. The average condition in May was very poor, perhaps the poorest on record for that month, viz., 70 per cent. A gradual improvement subsequently took place, the average condition in July being 75 per cent. according to the Agricultural Bureau report. What the August condition will be remains to be seen, but the weather though hot has been fairly favourable this month. Lately, however, reports have been circulated of damage done by drought. This brings us to the present time, and as before said, the coming month is really the critical one for the crop. In 1899 the average condition fell from 84 per cent. in July to 62·4 per cent. in September, the crop on 24½ million acres being about 9½ million bales. In 1902 the condition fell from 81·9 in July to 58·3 in September, the crop on 27½ million acres being 10¼ million bales. In 1903 it fell from 81 in August to 65·1 in September, the yield on nearly 21 million acres being only 10 million bales. In 1905 the general condition was low, but it fell only from 74·9 in July to 71·2 in September and 27 million acres (revised June average of that year) produced a crop of over 11½ million bales. Last year the average condition fell from 82·9 in July to 71·6 in September although we may estimate the outturn to be at least 13 million bales. The above shows the effect the months of August and September can have on the crop. Unless something unforeseen subsequently occurs, an average condition of 70 per cent. or over in September points to a good outturn.

THE NASIK ORPHANAGE.

The Rev. A. Manwaring, who has charge of the Nasik Orphanage, appeals, for the first time in many years, for public support for a very deserving institution. He explains, in another column, the serious difficulties with which he is beset and asks : "Will not every Chaplain in the diocese give us an offertory? Will [illegible] guests, who regain health and learn patience on the breezy links at Nasik, show us a little practical sympathy? Will not Parsis, whose charity is so catholic and so proverbial, extend their kindness?" We believe they will, especially when they learn that the orphanage is supported entirely by public subscriptions and does not receive any grant from the English Missionary Society with which it is connected. It is an excellent institute, admirably conducted, and deserves all the assistance that can be afforded it. We trust Mr. Manwaring's appeal will not have been made in vain.

The Florio and Rubattino s.s. *Lecanzo*, from Hongkong, left Penang for Bombay on the 27th instant.

The Florio and Rubbattino s.s. *Ischia*, from Bombay, arrived at Singapore yesterday.

Mr. Jay Gould has decided not to return to England to play tennis, inasmuch as the championship is now held in America.

Chapter XII. and XIII. of our new Serial Story, "The Wooing of Lilac," by T. W. Hanshew, will be found on page 6 of to-day's issue.

A correspondent writes complaining that the G. I. P. and B. M. Railway clocks at Agra do not tally, there being a difference of more than fifteen minutes between them.

The Commander-in-Chief may possibly make a short visit, lasting a week or so, into the interior of the Simla Hills next month, but is not likely to undertake any extensive tour this year.

An outbreak of fire at a large asylum at Marshalsee, Pennsylvania, has created a grave situation in that district, for a number of insane patients have been able to elude their keepers, and are now running loose in the neighbourhood.

At a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Standing Committee held yesterday in the Municipal Council Hall, it was resolved to sanction the grant of Rs. 1,000 for the illumination of an address of welcome to Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K. C. M. G., Governor-Elect of Bombay, and for a silver casket to contain the Address.

An old Holyhead farm labourer who died recently was supposed to have left some money, but none could be found. One of his sons told a public official that he had dreamed he had discovered money in a hole in a cowhouse, and when they went to the spot they found an old stocking containing nearly £8.

A correspondent informs the *Englishman* that a large number of students in the northern part of Calcutta struck work on Monday and marched off to the Police Court, in spite of the protests of their teacher, and that these were the students who later on came into collision with the police.

Arrangements for carrying on the work in the Chief of the Staff's Division when Sir Beauchamp Duff proceeds Home this autumn to attend the meetings of the Army Charges Committee have not yet been settled, but the next senior Officer in the Division, who is at present General Mullaly, will no doubt be placed in charge, as was done the last time the Chief of Staff was upon deputation.

The Monograph on "The Carpet Industry of Southern India," by Mr. H.T. Harris, which is in the press, is to be illustrated by over thirty half-tone-blocks from drawings and carpets. Unlike the Monographs lately issued in other Provinces, which give no instructions regarding the dyeing of carpets, the Madras book gives a large number of formulæ for dyeing with the old vegetable colours and a great deal of information regarding their use. There is also an illustrated chapter on the symbolism of carpets, dealing with forms and designs found in Southern India.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

THE ADVISORY COUNCILS.

It would be difficult to improve upon the scheme of Advisory Councils formulated by the Government of India under the principles laid down by it. It is unexceptionable in its aims and objects, and in its details it provides the means best calculated to carry them out. As was generally anticipated, there will be an Imperial Council as well as Provincial Councils, the constitution of both being essentially the same. As was also reasonably expected, the Councils will have no powers of initiative, no legislative functions, and no vote. The meetings, whenever they are held, will be consultative and confidential. There will be no flourish of oratory, no admission of reporters to their deliberations, and, in short, none of the apparatus which ministers to the vanity and notoriety of self-seeking individuals. All the varied interests will be represented on the Councils,—ruling chiefs, territorial magnates, captains of industry, leaders of commerce, and, again, the purely literary classes. It is obvious from the spirit in which the scheme is framed that there will not be too many of professional politicians and loquacious lawyers on these boards. There will be no regular sessions of these Councils, nor has it been contemplated always to call them together, whenever their advice is to be sought. Often the opinion of individual members will be invited in writing, and sometimes small committees will be formed to consider and report upon the subjects specially referred to them. As a medium for interpreting the inner thought and wishes of the people on questions affecting their welfare, these Councils will bring the Government into much closer touch with its subjects, and they will reduce to a minimum the chances of legislation being introduced which would be foreign to the spirit and interests of the people. A great deal will depend upon the sympathy with which these Councils may be regarded by the authorities. If they are neglected, or if they are availed of in a cold, distant and grudging spirit, they may, in course of time, sink into insignificance, if not oblivion. But the members will be much more in their importance that the Councillors of the Empire created by Lord Lytton, and forgotten almost as soon as they were created. There is no likelihood whatever of such a fate awaiting the Advisory Councils. The Government themselves are in earnest about the scheme. They have solemnly declared that they are "moving gradually forward towards the fulfilment, in no grudging spirit, of a pledge which the people of India are entitled to regard as inviolable." This is an important admission, deliberately made in a State document, for which the people of India ought to be grateful. It is one step forward—and a fairly big step at that. While the Councils will, on the one hand, be a valuable channel for the interpretation of the mind and heart of the people, they will, on the other hand, be instrumental in making the motives and intentions of Government better known to the people, in correcting mis-statements and misrepresentations and in removing erroneous impressions. May these Councils flourish and answer all the expectations which are formed of them.

THE COURAGE OF IGNORANCE.

Almost everyone now-a-days is talking or writing about what is familiarly known as "the Unrest". The least competent to handle the problem are the most confident and daring in their conclusions. Every one has his own diagnosis of the evil, and his own specific. Wit is suggested by one man as a remedy, is denounced by another as a bane. Lord Erro has rushed into print with a contribution to the *Nineteenth Century*, in which he attributes as one of the leading causes of the present disorder the spread of education among a class who [illegible] education and conscious of its unfitness for the responsibility it entails. On the other hand Mr. Archbold, Principal of the Aligarh Institute, insists that what India wants, above all things, to counteract the evil, is a good system of education. I cannot take it as a panacea for the diverse and many-sided evil with which we are confronted. But it may effect a partial cure and that too, in a most limited degree. Lord Erroll seems to take it as the greatest mistake of Government that they have introduced western education in India. He maintains that "the spread of education has a tendency to make the semi civilized Indian discontented with his lot." His Lordship has the courage of his ignorance. As a casual visitor and a tourist, he was least capable of delivering himself on a difficult problem. He seems to have given himself up to officialdom, as many other tourists commit their conscience to the safe-keeping of Indian politicians, with the result that when they air their ready-made knowledge in print, their narrow, partial, imperfect, and ill-digested views do no good to anybody. Their minds are like old bottles ready to receive anything that is poured into them, and they think they have done their duty when they have discharged their contents upon a poor unoffending public. Lord Erroll is of opinion that the liberty of the vernacular press and a bureaucratic, personal government are inconsistent, the one with the other. He evidently wishes the press to disappear, along with education, from the land. Schools and colleges he regards as so many nurseries of disloyalty and sedition. We may not take his Lordship seriously; but his effusion having acquired a fictitious value by publication in a first class magazine, it may be taken seriously by many who know nothing about India.

SYSTEM OF EDUCATION—PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

It is pleasant to turn from him to the reasoned utterance of the Principal of the Aligarh Institute. The remedy which he proposes is good enough, as far as it goes. He would not do away with education, surely, but he would rather extend it, improve it by transfering as much of it as possible to the care of Government. "Boarding schools on the lines of the English public schools, colleges with boarding houses where the students may come into daily contact with Europeans, plenty of games to develop a healthy spirit of fair play and give and take—these form my remedy for India's discontents." It is generally admitted that the system of education is capable of considerable improvement. It is regarded as much too literary and much too unscientific. It turns out graduates by hundreds, as from a multiplex machine; but the product, taken in the mass, has proved most deficient in accuracy of thought, correctness of observation, width of grasp, fairness of mind and soundness of judgment. These defects are conspicuously manifested in their view of political questions, because here their minds have been warped and biased by those whom they adore as the idols of the market-place. In Bengal and some other parts of India the student class has gone over bodily to the enemy. They are nurtured on poison, which they swallow with the eager receptivity and thoughtlessness of youth. To rescue such a mass from the hands of their leaders is a well-nigh impossible task. In their present temper they will refuse absolutely to be saved. Boarding schools and colleges on the English model, with Europeans as guides, philosophers, and friends, can touch, after all, but a very small minority. But the experiment is likely, within its own narrow bounds, to do some good. Mr. Archbold's proposal is more feasible and rational than that of Sir Edward Law on the same question. In an article in *Blackwood*, Sir Edward recommends admission to the universities by a system of selection, very moderately tempered by competition After the most promising lads have been selected under a combined system of nomination and selection, he would have them carefully sifted once again by "a very special board, having larger and more practical ideas than the ordinary examiner," who should test the general qualifications of the candidates recommended by provincial authorities. The process of selection is not ended even at this stage. They must undergo a year's probationary course of training, after which there must be a third winnowing, finally separating the purest wheat from inferior grain and chaff. I am much afraid that the process recommended for arriving at this thrice distilled product must in its operation prove odious and arbitrary,—that at all events, however carefully the design may be carried out, it will be condemned as such. The principle of selection will not always agree with intellectual qualification, and it would be a very delicate task even for "a very special board" to determine the nice combination of moral worth, mental fitness, and family connections that must exist in the fortunate youth who would be privileged to enter the sacred portals of the university and taste of the sweets of knowledge. Even after all these safeguards for the manufacture of the model man, there is no guarantee that the alumni will, in all cases, be faithful and real. The system cannot fail to be odious and unpopular, as well as unfair in its general working.

THE CULT OF SPORT.

I will jot down one or two reflections suggested by the Parsi-Hindu match of last week. The worship of sport as a cult has been introduced in Bombay, though I hope it will not go the lengths to which it has been taken in England. In that country great cricksters and golfers and foot-ballers are made more of, are more talked about and discussed, than great politicians. The crew of the Oxford and Cambridge boat-race are better known personally by means of the sporting and illustrated newspapers, which are published in such numbers in England, than the leading lights of science and literature. There are enthusiasts who say that sport can never be made too much of. Being a sportsman myself, in a way, and fully recognizing the moral value of sport as a training in manliness and generosity, I cannot fairly accuse myself of belittling its importance. Nay, Indians as a community are still very far behind in the cultivation and taste for manly games. But with regard to the prince of outdoor games, which is pursued with such commendable enthusiasm by Parsis, and by an increasing number of Hindus, I notice a tendency in native papers to take it too sadly and seriously. For weeks before the great contest, editors and contributors were prolific in their advice and their remonstrance, and voluminous in their discourse on the merits and capabilities of every possible player having a chance of being selected for the great and coveted honour. They did not, indeed, talk as if the fate of empires depended on the issue of the contest; but they did talk as if the fate and honour of the two communities were hanging in the balance, and that each team was its guardian and representative with respect to its own race. I am amused to see that it is in this spirit that the Parsis are congratulated on their victory (which, by the way is thoroughly well-earned), and the Hindus are condoled with on their defeat. This is the spirit which, to my mind, was mainly responsible for the mischief and ill-feeling which originated in the crowds belonging to the rival communities, and which led to the stoppage of matches for some years between Hindus and Parsis. I was therefore much pleased with the general behaviour of the crowd at the first representative match played by them.

THE INEVITABLE ALIEN.

Another reflection occurring to me is the indispensability to India of the alien from beyond the seas. It was decided by both sides that the umpires should be Europeans; and that was a very wise decision. This may be a trivial incident in itself, but I take it as illustrating the necessity for the presence of that same alien, so hated of the Bengalee, in India, to keep together the rival races, antagonistic communities and divergent sects in peace and harmony. But for his strong arm, there would be an outbreak of conflicting ambitions and jealousies, discords and enmities. I have noted, at once with regret and amusement, that in a Municipality or a public company where the Indian communities are pretty evenly balanced, a good appointment is sometimes given to an European, in order that no Hindu or Parsi or Mahomedan might have it. This is the way in which latent intercommunal jealousies are sometimes soothed, and the occasion for bitterness and ill-feeling is tided over. After this bit of philosophising, which in the present aggressive temper of a certain class of publicists it is important to inculcate on proper occasions, and reverting to the subject of the cricket match, I may express my satisfaction that the Hindus, within the last decade, have made great strides in the game and that if they were to progress at the same rate, they will be stronger than the Parsis in the end. Their very numerical preponderance must put them at a great advantage over the enterprising little community who were the pioneers of the game among the Indians, and whose example has fired the Hindus, and a long way after them the Mahomedans, to go and do likewise.

DION.

NAVY AND SHIPPING NOTES.

THE "LUSITANIA."

This week's mail brings news of further trials over the measured mile, when the phenomenal record of 26.45-knots was made. It is now safe to say that the fastest passage across the Atlantic is assured, and the great liner's maiden voyage will be watched with interest. She is in[illegible] start from Liverpool on Sept. 7. And [illegible] worthy feature of the ship is the almost absence of vibration, which, though [illegible] in all turbine ships, is even more [illegible] "Lusitania" than in the "Carmania."

ADMIRALTY [illegible]

It becomes increasingly [illegible] tion raised by the detractors [illegible] must fall flat. Hardly a [illegible] some fresh proof of the [illegible] soning, and the striking [illegible] bilization of the Home [illegible] brilliant shooting of its [illegible] constitutes a triumphant [illegible] of nucleus screws. Extravagant [illegible] made by many scare-mongers [illegible] an inefficient fleet, and one [illegible] what they will find to say [illegible] rumours also to the effect that [illegible] was herself a constructional failure [illegible] her proper speed and too weak [illegible] have been completely demolished [illegible] ly congratulate the Navy [illegible] decision to give praise [illegible] reserve its blame for [illegible] warranted. There is [illegible] League is a power [illegible] empire must keep [illegible] clamity of the first [illegible] clamour, it should [illegible] nation. We may [illegible] and his "Message to [illegible] ing the large amount [illegible] done in the past.

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No sooner was the [illegible] than the usual process [illegible] improvements to be effected [illegible] and it was clear that if [illegible] was correct it would be necessary [illegible] powerful piece than the 12 inch [illegible] derstood that it is not possible to [illegible] a certain number of these so as to secure [illegible] efficiency for each, owing to the fact that [illegible] are crowded together their area of fire [illegible] restricted, and the increased gun-power [illegible] only on paper. This fault has been well [illegible] in the German Navy, whose "Kaiser" [illegible] pare badly in practice with ships of [illegible] inferior armament. The obvious remedy, then, [illegible] is to design a larger gun, and it is now proposed [illegible] try a 13½-inch piece. To the lay mind the advance [illegible] from a gun of 12-inch calibre, to one of 13.5 [illegible] trifling, but it must be remembered that the [illegible] of a gun varies as the cube of the calibre, which [illegible] means that a 4-inch gun is to a 6-inch gun [illegible] is to 216, and therefore the new big gun [illegible] nearly half as powerful again as the [illegible] has been much talk of the impossibility [illegible] increasing the size of warships, but the [illegible] of this view is clear when we remember [illegible] "Dreadnought" is less than half the size [illegible] Cunard liner "Lusitania", and there is no [illegible] as yet that a large ship is less handy in many [illegible] at sea than a small one, while the counterbalancing [illegible] advantages of great size are overwhelming.

A NEW METHOD OF PROPULSION

has been decided upon by Messrs Harland and Wolff, the great shipbuilders of Belfast, for the new ships about to be built for the Hamburg-American line. It is stated that these ships will be fitted with both the turbine and the reciprocating engine. The famous Queen's Island yard has been curiously slow in adopting the turbine, and we are at a loss to find any advantage in the system now proposed, which bears all the marks of a make-shift, and we find it very difficult to believe that it will be endorsed by experience. It is disappointing to see the builders of the first "Oceanic" and the "Britannic" "Germanic," and many others lagging behind any in the world, yet this is what is being said of them at the present moment. It is possible, however, that the intention will not be carried out, and we are lo

THE UNREST IN IRELAND.

AGRARIAN TROUBLES.

M. P. Arrested for Agitating.

IMPORTANT PROCLAMATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

Mr. Farrell, M.P., and forty other persons have been arrested at Longford in connection with land troubles.

The *Dublin Gazette* publishes proclamations under the Constabulary Act, authorizing the Viceroy to declare a county or district in a state of disturbance, and to send extra police to counties so proclaimed.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Mr. Farrell, M.P., and the others who were arrested have been committed for trial on a charge of unlawful assembly, and released on bail.

The greatest excitement prevails in Longford which is practically in a state of siege.

The counties of Galway, Clare, Roscommon, Longford, King's County and Leitrim have been proclaimed as in a disturbed state.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

Final Work in the Lords.

LONDON, AUGUST 27

The prorogation of Parliament takes place at noon to-morrow.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

The House of Lords have passed the third reading of the Transvaal Loan Guarantee Bill and of the English Land Bill. The Lords dropped their Amedments to the latter Bill as Lord Carrington declined to accept them.

The Evicted Tenants Bill has been passed in the amended form accepted by the Government.

THE POLICE IN MOROCCO.

Franco-Spanish Demands.

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

A Franco-Spanish Note to the Moroccan Minister of War demands that the necessary steps shall be taken to organize the police at the Moroccan ports, in accordance with the Algeciras Convention.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

There has been no communication with Kaid Maclean for the last fortnight.

POLITICS IN PORTUGAL.

The Reign of Dictatorship.

PREMIER'S VIEWS.

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

A Meeting of the Council of State was held in Lisbon yesterday, the first since the Cabinet assumed dictatorial power.

All the Councillors urged a return to constitutional government, and the Premier's reply is regarded as admitting the necessity for it.

TURKEY AND PERSIA.

...peal to the Powers.

...URDISH ATROCITIES.

...ROM THE PORTE.

...LONDON, AUGUST 27.

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LONDON, AUGUST 27.

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...dian Requirements.

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

... of England has bought £700,000 of ...y for Indian requirements.

...SULAR APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Mr. Herbert Hervey has been gazetted Consul at Adis Abeba.

CRICKET.

South Africans beat South Wales.

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

The South Africans beat South Wales by an innings and 66 runs.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Lancashire has beaten Derbyshire by one wicket.

Leicester has beaten Essex by eight wickets.

Gloster has beaten Hampshire by five wickets.

DEATH OF LORD DUNMORE.

NOBLE LEADER OF THE ENGLISH CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

NOTABLE CAREER OF THE NEW EARL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, AUGUST 26.

The death has occurred of the Earl of Dunmore.

By the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore there passes from view an interesting peer who had been conspicuous in the religious life of the country as the leader in Britain of the curious sect known as the Christian Scientists. He, like his famous son, Viscount Fincastle, V.C., was once well-known in India, where he had travelled extensively and wrote much upon his experiences in Kashmir and Tibet. Lord Dunmore represented a remarkable alliance between the Peerages of England and Scotland. His father was a cadet of the Scottish ducal House of Atholl, the first of the Dunmores having been Lord Charles Murray, a son of the Marquess of Atholl, who in 1686 was created Viscount Fincastle and Earl of Dunmore. The peer who has just died had for his mother a daughter of the eleventh Earl of Pembroke, of a house which rivals the Howards of Norfolk in antiquity. Yet, as if in illustration of the futility of social distinctions, Lord Dunmore was not above catching on with the strange cult the prophetess of which is the notorious Mrs. Eddy. Strange to say, the Countess of Dunmore also became a devotee of "Christian Science," and together she and Lord Dunmore co-operated in fostering the cult in London and the country. Many people in India may wonder what "Christian Science" is, and as it is now in its fortieth year of existence and growing stronger every day in America, and as many society people in England have taken it up, it is worth a passing glance, now that its British leader is dead. "Christian Science" was founded by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy in 1867 in America. Some students of it say that it approximates to the religion of the notorious "Peculiar People," who believe that doctors are unnecessary and prayer entirely efficacious in the healing of disease. It was at Boston that "Christian Science" first took root, and the movement has spread till, on August 1st, 1906, there were 691 Branch Churches, mostly in the United States, and 266 Societies. There are several churches in Canada, and churches also exist in London, Edinburgh, and Manchester, while services are held at Cambridge. There are several thousand Christian Scientists who give all their time exclusively to the practice of Christian Science. The number of full members of the First or Mother Church is 40,011, excluding those who merely attend the services. In Nov. 1902 Mrs. Eddy gave instructions that until public thought should become better acquainted with Christian Science, Christian its adherents should decline to doctor infectious and contagious diseases. A magazine, the "Christian Science Journal" a weekly paper, "Christian Science Sentinel," and "Der Herold der Christian Science," are published.

Though the late Earl was only in his sixty-seventh year only two other peers had enjoyed their hereditary honours longer than he, and they are both octogenarians. Lord Nelson, who is 84, has been a peer for seventy-two years, and is the Father of the House of Lords; and Lord Leicester, who has lived 85 years has been a peer for sixty-five of them. Curiously enough Lord Leicester was Lord Dunmore's father-in-law, Lady Dunmore having been one of the numerous daughters of that aged peer. Lord Dunmore had been a great sportsman in his day, and a well-known figure at the Court of Queen Victoria; but since he was seized with the weird beliefs of Mrs. Eddy he had lived quietly on his estates in Scotland, where he owned nearly eighty thousand acres of land.

THE NEW EARL.

Pioneer Process Works.

Viscount Fincastle, who succeeds to the Earldom of Dunmore, is the first hereditary peer of his rank to wear the V. C. Lord Roberts, who won the Cross "For Valour" many years ago, is a peer by creation. One other peer, Lord Gifford, also wears the V. C.

The death of Lord Dunmore throws an enormous number of people into mourning. The families of Lords Powerscourt Annaly, Dartmouth, Leitrim, Belper, Lichfield, and Burnham in England and many others on the Scottish side were more or less closely related to the dead peer.

The late Lord Dunmore had a reasonable claim to fame as the father of one of the best-known officers in the British Army—Viscount Fincastle, who won the Victoria Cross in this country and was Aide-de-Camp to the Ex-Viceroy, Lord Curzon. During an action in the Swat Valley the horse of Lieutenant Greaves bolted, and took his rider into the midst of the enemy. Greaves was shot through the body, and fell to the ground. Seeing him surrounded by tribesmen, Lord Fincastle, Major Adams, and Lieutenant Maclean rode to his rescue. They drove the enemy off, although under the stream of bullets all the time, and Lord Fincastle and Lieutenant Maclean were lifting Greaves on to a horse, when a shot killed the already wounded man, and another deprived Lieutenant Maclean of his life. Lord Fincastle served through the South African War, commanding Fincastle's Horse, and three years ago he married Miss Dorothea Kemble, a Shetland lady by whom he has a little daughter, born in 1904.

NASIK ORPHANAGE.

An Appeal.

The Rev. A. Manwaring writes to us from Nasik:—During the last six weeks there has been an epidemic of relapsing fever in the Nasik Orphanage. Including children and workers there have been altogether about 200 cases. The Lady Doctor at Nasik and the Zenana Mission ladies have raillied to our help willingly and bravely. I say "bravely" because the work of nursing has been dangerous. Eleven men and women nurses (Indian) have contracted the disease and alas! one trained Indian nurse, obtained from Bombay, succumbed to it. During the greater part of this time there has been almost continual rain, making it very difficult to adopt any sort of segregation except from one building to another, and preventing, to a large extent, the washing of clothes and blankets.

I write this to appeal for help towards the cost of combating this epidemic. New blankets for about 270 children ought to be bought and the old ones burnt. Structural alterations which will help to diminish the risk of such an Epidemic ought to be carried out. The cost of nurses and medicines, and, in spite of our usual temperance principles, the cost also of stimulants has been very heavy indeed. Unfortunatly our funds are already about Rs. 2,000 in debt chiefly owing to the increased cost of food during the last year or two. It is true that there is a small Endowment Fund belonging to the Orphanage but I do not think it should be used except as a last resort.

I have been in charge of the Nasik Orphanage for many years and I do not remember having appealed to the public before and I do so now believing that there are many willing to help us. Well not every Chaplain in the Diocese give us an offertory? Will not golfers, who regain health and learn patience on the breezy links at Nasik shew us a little practical sympathy? Will not Parsis whose charity is so catholic and so proverbial extend their kindness to us?

The orphanage is connected with the Church of England but, as our friends now, we try to make our religion as practical as possible. One important part of our creed is the doctrine of labour which is taught in the Carpentry shops and in the Orphanage Printing Press. We do our utmost to make these orphans good and loyal citizens. So I make this appeal with confidence, not only to the members of our own faith, but to the general public who are ready to relieve distress when they know that it exists. I ask them to bear at last the financial part of the strain.

I ought perhaps to mention that the Nasik Orphanage is supported entirely by public subscriptions and does not receive any grant from the English Missionary Society with which it is connected.

P. S.—Any donations sent direct to me will be gratefully acknowledged.

THE INCREASE IN PASSAGE RATES.

With regard to "Anti-Trust's" letter entitled "The Increase in Passage Rates, which appeared in our issue of Tuesday, we learn that there is no "Ring" or "Trust" in existence whatsoever, and any Steamship Company sailing steamers from either Bombay or Karachi may charge passengers precisely what they wish. No agreement amongst the Lines prevails. As regards the attack made by "Anti-Trust" upon the P. and O. Company it is declared to be absolutely unjustifiable. As a matter of fact that Company were not the prime movers in the increasing of the Passage Rates.

A correspondent who claims, as we think rightly, to be fully cognisant of the facts, tells us that taking "Anti-Trust's" statements in order:—"(1) Is absolutely an unjust statement to make and equally untrue. No "Ring" or "Trust" exists and any Line may charge exactly what it likes. (2) No "Ring" or "Trust" or "Agreement" among the Lines exists. (3) This statement is also untrue. The P. and O. Company did no such thing. The Messageries Maritimes have voluntarily raised their fares. (4) The cost of a First Class passage by P. and O. from Sydney to Marseilles is £71, and from Bombay to Marseilles £48. (5) His statement regarding Belgian and English iron is again untrue. During the tariff war with the Germans both Lines were carrying iron to India from Antwerp and Middlesborough at equal fighting rates. (6) If "Anti-Trust" were not ashamed to publish his name I would challenge him to name the Newspaper which he states was threatened. It is obviously untrue. (7) It is unfortunate your correspondent objects to pay for luxuries! If every passenger took on board a bicycle there would be little room left for cargo I fear. He evidently knows nothing about what he is talking! "Anti-Trust's" best remedy of his grievances is in future to travel by some other Line than the P. and O. This would be better and more honourable than "bearing false witness" which I am sorry to say he has done, and in a most vindictive manner too."

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Agreement with Spain.

HAGUE CONFERENCE AND PEACE.

INDIANS IN COUNCILS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

In his speech from the Throne His Majesty the King said:—

"My relations with foreign Powers continue to be friendly and are animated by a desire to contribute to the maintenance of peace. I have concluded an agreement with Spain in order to preserve our respective interests in the Mediteraneau and the Atlantic.

"I trust that the Hague Conference will result in agreements tending to mitigate the evils of war and secure the peace of the world."

Referring to Indian affairs His Majesty said:—

"In the great dependency of India certain passing difficulties have not discouraged the Government in framing plans for improving the machinery of the administration. These plans have been laid before you and practical steps have already been taken for securing the presence and advice of Indian members on the Council of India.

"The meeting of the Colonial Premiers was a source of deep satisfaction to me and I trust that the grant of self-government to the Orange River Colony will conduce to the welfare and contentment of the country.

Referring to the Fleet His Majesty said:—"I have reviewed the Home Fleet and have been profoundly impressed with the efficient condition of the ships and the fine bearing and discipline of the officers and men.

"Broad principles of reorganisation of the regular forces at Home into six great divisions have successfully been put into operation."

The speech concludes by citing the principal Bills which have been passed this session.

Alluding to the visit of Prince Fushimi, the King said he was much gratified at receiving a visit from Prince Fushimi who was sent on a special mission by my Ally the Emperor of Japan in order to convey His Majesty's thanks for the conferment of the Order of the Garter.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Concessions in Manchuria Denied.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

A semi-Official statement has been issued in St. Petersburg denying the newspaper-report that Russia has secretly agreed to make Japan further concessions in Northern Manchuria by the inclusion of the Sungari Valley in Japan's sphere.

BRAZILIAN NAVY.

More Warships Ordered.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Brazil has ordered three battleships and two cruisers from Messrs. Armstrong and Vickers Maxim.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL TARIFF.

Pronounced Dangerous to Industries.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

The Perth House of Assembly by a large majority has carried the Premier's Motion that the Federal Tariff was most injurious to the Primary Industries of Westralia and fraught with the gravest danger to her existence.

CEYLON RAILWAYS.

Survey Reports Awaited.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Speaking in the House of Commons Mr. Rees asked whether the Mannar Railway and the two local lines necessary to the opening of the tea and rubber districts of Ceylon would soon be sanctioned.

Lord Elgin replied that the surveying of the lines had been put in hand and that the final decision would be reserved until the results were known.

RUSSIAN MINISTER TO SIAM.

LONDON, AUGUST 27.

M. Yacolew, Consul at Jerusalem, has been appointed Russian Minister Resident to Siam.

GREAT EBOR HANDICAP.

Result and Starting Prices.

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

The result of the Great Ebor Handicap which was run to-day was as follows:—

Wuffy	1
Bibiani	2
The Page	3

There were nine starters.

Won by a length and a half, with half a length between the second and third horses.

The betting was:—

4 to 1 Wuffy.
10 to 1 Bibiani.
7 to 1 The Page.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

The following is the result of The Great Ebor Handicap:—

Mr. A. Bendon's Wuffy	1
Mr. R. C. Thomson's Bibiani	2
Mr. J. C. Sullivan's The Page	3

Also ran.—Mr. P. Cullinan's Flax, Mr. Fairie's Plum Tree, Mr. O. W. Rayner's Feather Bed, Mr. G. D. Smith's Whin Bloom, Lord Westbury's Nightfall, and Mr. F. Alexander's Ohuckaway.

Starting Prices:—4 to 1 Wuffy, 10 to 1 Bibiani and 7 to 1 The Page.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

APPOINTMENTS ON THE STAFF.

Captain Greig as Military Secretary.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

Sir George Sydenham Clarke has made two more important appointments to his Staff.

Captain Greig, 12lst Pioneers, is to be Military Secretary, while Lieutenant Dunmond, 4th Gurkhas, is to be Aide-de-Camp.

NEW ADVISORY COUNCILS.

Press Opinions.

DIVERGENT VIEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, AUGUST 28.

The papers comment favourably on the Council scheme.

The *Daily News* says: "Those striving to create public opinion in India, will, if they are intelligent, realize that the Government is seeking the support of a certain strata of Indian Society."

The *Morning Post* says: "It is a mark of the highest wisdom that Mr. Morley has not attempted to graft a spurious democratic system on to the administration of India. The memorandum provides a starting point for the new departure of attempting to utilise the idiosyncrasies of the people."

The *Daily Mail*, in reviewing the work of the Session says: "Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Morley are real triumphs for the Government. Mr. Morley has got the better of the Indian trouble by statesmanlike firmness. The New Commission should help to the more sympathetic government of the East."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, AUGUST 28.

The following are a few of the Calcutta Press opinions on the proposals relating to Advisory Legislative Councils:—

"STATESMAN."

With all their merits they contain no broad and statesmanlike principles. They attempt no bold and liberal expansion of the exiguous amount of popular representation already existent in this country. On the contrary their object appears to be, in the main, to modify the concessions previously granted in the light of what the Government are pleased to regard as the teaching of experience. They amount in fact to a cautious step, not forwards, but backwards. We cannot think that Mr. Morley is responsible for this timid and halting policy.

"ENGLISHMAN."

There are many points on which intuition and and experience, which is the birthright of the Ruling Chiefs, will prove of inestimable value to the central Government, standing as they do in the dual relationship to the Governor-General, of rulers and of children of the country. They will be able to bring to the solution of certain vexed questions a range of experience, a quality of sympathy and a depth of comprehension which is, by nature, denied to the best and most fortunate of British administrations. Their advice will carry weight with the Government as being that of disinterested men whose lofty birth and high position place them above the dust and turmoil of ordinary office-seeking, while, on the other hand, as hereditary rulers of no inconsiderable fraction of the population, they will command the respect of all the Indian peoples, save perhaps that minority whose greedy swallowing of crude political *nostra* has rendered them incapable of giving respect where respect is due.

"BENGALEE."

We confess we have grave misgivings as to the success of this Council, which is to be altogether a novel feature in Indian administrations. Its constitution is vague and undefined. It may or may not be convened except at the sweet will and pleasure of Government. It is not likely to be in touch with the educated classes who command the press and the platform and exercise a dominating influence over public opinion. All the members of the Advisory Councils will be nominated. Does it stand to reason that they will have the courage to be the spokesmen of public opinion in any matter in which the public are strongly opposed to Government?

As regards the Legislative Councils, we find that our apprehensions are fully confirmed. There are to be more members and more talk, but not a shred of power is to be vested in them. They will have an opportunity of making known their views, but no definite statutory recognition is to be accorded to them. The functions of the Councils are to remain the same. Again and again have we prayed for a share of definite control over the public purse. In the proposed reforms not the faintest attempt is made to meet, to any extent, this widespread popular demand.

AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA.

From a cursory glance at the document, it seems to us that it will not satisfy the general public unless considerable modifications are made in it. And then the blunt truth must be told that it is not the territorial magnates or the pets of Government who guide public opinion. Advisory Councils will thus exist more for supporting the views of the authorities than for advising them as to what will best serve the interest of the country.

As regards the reformation of the Legislative Councils, unless some substantial powers are conferred on popular members, their mere expansion means nothing. It will only increase the number of speeches—that is all.

SHOCKING FATALITY IN POONA.

Death of a Racer and Jockey.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUGUST 28.

A sad fatality occurred this morning on Staunton Road directly opposite the Polo ground. Sheik Ahmed, a young Mahomedan riding-boy, who only two days ago arrived in Poona from Bangalore, was returning to the stables from the racecourse on Aga Abbas Shastry's well-known chestnut Arab race-horse Scipio, when, just after crossing the Ghorpuri viaduct the horse bolted. In endeavouring to pull up the animal the left rein broke and Scipio, uncontrollable, made headway at racing speed for the riding track which skirts the Polo ground and which at short intervals is lined by trees. The horse dashed full tilt up against one of the trees and fell dead, having smashed his breast bone in the sudden encounter.

The rider evidently attempted to escape a collision with the tree, but in doing so he was caught on the left cheek and very nearly had his head twisted off. He too was killed instantaneously.

Scipio was originally the property of Aga Abbas Shastry and was bought by Mr. Vaid for Rs. 600 during the last Bombay Races. But the horse showed great promise and in Poona the other day, when he won the Selling Plate very easily, his original owner was so fascinated with the horse's performance that he carried the bid for him from Rs. 700 to Rs. 2,000 at one stroke, and bought him at that price.

MR. E. H. D. SEWELL, writing to the *Indian Field*, states that Mr. McLaren's refusal to captain the M. C. C. team in Australia was due to a promise made to visit the Jam of Nawanagar. The letter continues:—"I understand that W. W. Brearley and A. Priestly, M. P., with two or three professionals, will make a small tour and play several matches in your education-ruined country.

SIR G. ARBUTHNOT'S TRIAL.

Cross-Examination of the Chartered Accountant.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, AUGUST 28.

Mr. Graham Ross, Chartered Accountant, remained in the witness-box all yesterday afternoon, being examined by Mr. Powell, Public Prosecutor, and Mr. Eardley Norton, Counsel for the defence.

In the Arbuthnot trial the cross-examination of Mr. Ross by Mr. Eardley Norton was continued up to luncheon interval to-day.

The cross-examination of Mr. Ross by Mr. Eardley Norton continued till the evening.

Mr. Norton then applied to the Chief Justice that Sir George should be released on bail of two lakhs, *viz.* each one lakh and 3 sureties of one lakh instead of 5 lakhs at present imposed for the purpose facilitating discussion between accused and his Counsel.

His Lordship refused the application stating that he was not prepared to override the previous ruling of learned Judges in this matter.

LATER.

Yesterday, with reference to the insolvency charges against Sir George Arbuthnot, Mr. C. F. Napier, instructed by Messrs. Orr, David, and Brightwell made an application to Justice Benson for the adjournment of the date of the return of the Commission sent to England for the examination of the witnesses by Sir George Arbuthnot in connection with the charges against the insolvent framed under the Insolvency Act and before which the case shall not be posted for hearing from the 15th October to 10th November next. In support of this application the Counsel read the affidavit sworn by Mr. W. David:—"Subsequent to the order passed herein on the 5th instant by which the 15th of October, 1907, was fixed as the extended date by which the Commission issued for the examination of witnesses must be returned and before which the case was directed not to be posted for hearing. My firm on or about the 16th instant, received a telegram dated the 15th from the first insolvent's Solicitors in London intimating that the Solicitors for the opposing creditors had not up till then received full instructions, and that the Commissioner suggested time, *i. e.*, for the return of the Commission being extended until about the end of October.—The long vacation referred to the 14th of October."

The Attorney for the opposing creditors being absent from Madras and on its being ascertained, Mr. Napier continuing said:—There was first of all the question of creditors' Solicitors not having been fully instructed and the Counsel and witnesses having gone abroad, but the most serious thing was the fact of the Commissioner being too busy in connection with the Hague Conference to take the matter up. In the circumstances, the best thing was to put back the date for the return of the Commission. There was another course open, the issue of another Commission. But that would take longer time.

After some discussion, His Lordship passed orders fixing the date for the posting of the case for hearing on the 11th of November the 10th being Sunday, and directing that the Commissioner in England be informed that the Commission should reach this Court not later than by the mail due on the 2nd of November.

Mr. E. R. Osborne instructed by Messrs Branson and Branson applied on behalf of the Official Assignee for permission to sell the coffee estates belonging to the Insolvent firm to Messrs. Stanes and Company of Coimbatore on behalf of an English syndicate for the sum £40,000 plus working expenses incurred by the Official Assignee from the 1st of July last. The Counsel, in support of his application, read the following affidavit from Mr. W. E. Wallman, formerly in the employ of the insolvent firm.

The Official Assignee has received from Messrs. Stanes and Co. of Coimbatore on behalf of an English syndicate an offer for the purchase of all the coffee estates owned by the above insolvent's firm and also of certain estates mortgaged with the said firm and for the firm's curing works at Mangalore and Tellicherry for the sum of £40,000. The syndicate stipulates that the Official Assignee shall give to the purchasers good title to the said estates and have intimated that upon their legal advisers being satisfied as to title they are prepared to open a credit in favour of the Official Assignee with one or more of the Exchange Banks for drafts drawn at three months sight. At present the rate of exchange on the sum of £40,000 would be equivalent to Rs. 5,88,505. I am also informed and believe that purchasers are prepared to pay all the working expenses incurred by the Official Assignee in cultivating the said estates subsequent to the 30th of June 1907. The amount expended by the Official Assignee on such cultivation from the said 30th of June 1907 up to date is Rs. 30,505. The title of the said estates is, I am informed by the Official Assignee, and believe, not in complete order, several of the conveyances standing in the names of the deceased or the retired partners of the above insolvent's firm, and conveyances of the same will take some time. The above offer has been raised from £31,500 offered in July last. I am informed and believe that the proposed purchasers are not prepared to offer any larger sum and will only keep their offer open until the 27th of August 1907. I am informed by the Official Assignee that in his opinion the offer should be accepted. I further state that A. B. Haji Fakir Mahomed Sait of Ootacamund, a creditor of the above insolvents to the extent of rupees one lakh is desirous of making an offer for the purchase of the said estates, but that owing to his only recently having been able to obtain particulars of the estates and expert information as to the value thereof, he is not yet in a posit to make his offer.

Mr. Osborne said that the creditors' Advisory Committee agreed with the Official Assignee and produced a letter from Dr. Nair in which the writer stated that—"We are all agreed that the offer should be accepted."

Mr. Krisnaswamy Iyer said that this an incorrect statement as the Committee had never been consulted on the matter.

Mr. Fakir Mahomed, who was present in Court said that he required at least a month to inspect the estates.

His Lordship passed orders that as the present offer was considerably less than the valuation of the estates put on them by the experts engaged by the Official Assignee and as it was also stated that no attempt had been made by advertisement or otherwise to sell them by groups according to locality, whereby a larger number of competitors would be enabled to bid for the property which was widely scattered over a large area, and as Mr. Fakir Mahomed, the owner of many coffee estates and a probable purchaser, had not been given the information required by him until very few days ago, he did not think the present offer should be accepted and would suggest that the Official Assignee should endeavour to obtain offers for the properties arranged in groups by advertisement or otherwise as he might be advised.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY ARRIVALS AUGUST 28TH.—Dewing, Major 76th Punj on leave, from Secunderabad.

Frederick, Capt. R. Fus; on leave from Secunderabad.

Cheyne, Capt. 1st Lancers on leave from Australia.

Norton, Lt. R.G.A. from leave, from England.

Canny, Lieut. R. T. N. Fus, on leave from Ghurial.

DEPARTURES AUGUST 28TH—Lye-Evans, Lt. 17th Lancers, on leave to England.

Robinson, Lt. Stafford Regt. to join to Aldershot

Stafford, Lt.-Col. R. E. on leave, to England.

Marton, Major, 56th Rifles, on leave to England

Dickson, Major, S. and T. Corps, on transfer to Poona.

DARBHANGA RELIEF WORKS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, AUGUST 28.

Owing to favourable Bhadoi prospects it is probable that relief works in the Darbhanga District will shortly be closed and that it will be unnecessary to continue the distribution of gratuitous relief.

THE shepherd boy who was accidently hurt by Captain V. H. Branson of the 86th Carnatic Infantry stationed at Rajahmundry, is progressing very well at the Municipal Hospital.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

CRYSTOLEUM PAINTING.

Mr. Gordon Craig's New Paper.

LONDON, AUGUST 9.

At the Alston Gallery in Bond-street is a display of the work in crystoleum painting for the annual competition arranged by the directors. Many methods have been tried in order to take the "photography-look" from the results of the camera; and none has been wholly successful. Indeed the photograph is best when allowed to remain a photograph. All attempts to colour it seem but to accentuate its defects. But undoubtedly the nearest approach to converting it into something approaching the coloured miniature has been done in the region of the crystoleum. The Alston Gallery has attracted some of the best talent in this direction by means of competitions, though the golden prize has not been awarded to the best example which undoubtedly from the skilful hand of Miss Birch. This lady contributes a portrait of a girl with red hair piled high upon her head, which really lifts the the process into the realm of good miniature—it is quite a handsome achievement. The gulf, however, between her and the others is very great. It is odd to see how the nudes suffer in the process, though it is just the sort of subject that one would have expected to yield the best results. If the Alston Gallery could produce a few more pupils like Miss Birch, we might get considerable developments, though we suspect that subject had a good deal to do with her success. So far the best use of crystoleum painting in its application to miniature portraiture—the old masters and the like subjects are not so happy.

At the Leicester Galleries this week there opens an exhibition of paintings and drawings by leading English artists, the dead being represented by Turner, David Cox, De Wint, Collier, James Holland, and William Hunt among others whilst of the moderns the list contains the names of Messrs. Lavery, Briton Riviere, Wilson Steer, Thorne Waite, J. Aumonier, Sir E. Waterlow, Goodwin and Mark Fisher. Messrs. Brown and Phillips evidently do not consider the dead season to be without a kick in it. And it must be confessed that London without a picture gallery open would look dead. Messrs. Tooth are of the same opinion; and Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema's "Caracalla and Geta" will remain on view in consequence. By the way, this summer has seen the closing of nearly every fashionable London gallery on Saturday afternoons—a strange contrast with the past, when Saturday was the chosen day for private views. It is amongst the other changes caught by the motor-craze and the week-end habit, and the dealers have had to succumb to the inexorable dictates of fashion. Even the conservative firm of Messrs. Christie's had to abandon the time-honoured custom of Saturday picture sales, and had to fix these interesting events for Friday, leaving Saturday as a blank. It was tried by way of experiment, but there can be little doubt that this change has come to stay.

Art lovers will be interested to hear that the autumn is to see the launching of two artistic periodicals. One, a quarterly, is to be wholly devoted to lithography. Everything promises success to the paper devoted to this beautiful art. First of all, the "Neolith," as it is called, is to be cheap enough to be within the reach of the ordinary man—the subscription is to be but half a guinea a year. Half-a-crown a number for several original auto-lithographs seems a small price for works contributed by such masters of the medium as Messrs. Steinlen, Brangwyn, E. J. Sullivan, Nicholson, Pryde, Hartrick, and many other eminent artists both here and on the Continent. The directors are also wise in their endeavour to have complete pictures rather than sketches, and some of the drawings promised are most tempting fare. Whilst on the subject of lithography, we trust that the production of this handsome quarterly may revive in Mr. E. J. Sullivan the idea of creating a Society of Lithographers similar to that of the Painter Etchers, which has proved such a centre for the development of interest in that exquisite medium.

The other periodical, which also promises to be a treasure for the collector, is "The Mark." All who remember, and, still more, all who are lucky enough to possess Mr. Gordon Craig's beautifully produced quarterly, "The Page," will be glad to know of and eager to collect the new magazine, for the mere fact that it has been evolved out of Mr. Craig's brain and planned by him is sufficient evidence of its high aims. We think that the publishers would do well to secure an English house for its delivery here, instead of publishing it in English, Dutch, and German from Florence; otherwise, its monthly issues are likely to be missed by many who would delight in its pages. It is full time that the theatre had a handsome magazine devoted to what one may call its higher interests; and we can imagine no magazine in better hands than those of Miss Ellen Terry's gifted son, who is at present engaged on producing a play by Eleonra Duse. His frolicsome gesture, "The Page," was a lesson to us as to how beautiful a thing a magazine may be.

At the Vaudeville Theatre the other night, Mr. Weedon Grossmith succeeded Mr. Charles Hawtrey in the character of Matthew Ponderbury in "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past," and it was interesting to see on what very different lines he played the part. Mr. Hawtrey is always himself; nor would his admirers wish him to be any one else. His success is mainly one of a pleasant personality, and he really did not fit the part of the henpecked Ponderbury very well. With his comfortable countenance and easy manner, it seemed preposterous that he should suffer himself to be treated as though he were a child, and by so very unattractive a spouse. Mr. Grossmith, on the other hand, is able to suggest to perfection the man with the heart bowed down. No living actor can express comics servility more realistically. Last night his face, voice, and gesture, all revealed a man stooped in an unwholesome terror, and his nervous smile of assumed self-confidence when challenged to oppose some show of manliness his domineering better half was quite as droll as the collapse which invariably ensued on that lady's entry. Long years of a wife's tyranny have left their visible marks on the self-deprecatory face and the cringing manner. All this is obviously a success not of personality, but of art. Wherefore, though we enjoyed Mr. Hawtrey's performance quite as much, we must say that we admired Mr. Grossmith's more, for he composed with admirable finish a figure entirely alien to himself. The impersonation caused roars of laughter, particularly in the climax of the studio scene and the final triumph of the third act. It was pleasant to see so skilled a comic artist engaged once more upon a character comparatively worthy of his powers.

Another change in the cast is the substitution of Miss Maude Darrel for Miss Billie Burke in the part of the lively Mme. Mojeski. Miss Darrell lacks the curious personal charm of her predecessor, but her performance is a straightforward piece of acting touched with moments of real humour. The rest of the cast is unchanged. Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, who is so very excellent as Peter, the butler, might perhaps consider whether his make-up is not a little overdone. There is no sign in the play that Peter is over sixty, but his face last night was made to look as old and as grim as that of the miser in "Les Cloches de Corneville" when the late Mr. Shiel Barry used to play the part—and, if we remember rightly, Gaspard was supposed to be well over seventy.

Mr. George Graves has now worked up the part of Baron Popoff in The Merry Widow, at Daly's Theatre, to very nearly as droll a thing as the General des Ifs in The Little Michus. In a scene in the second act he interpolates a speech descriptive of the various moral attributes of a ben called Hetty, which keeps the house in a roar, and is as funny as the description of the Gazeeka over which were all laughing two years ago. The Merry Widow is proving a huge success. The house is crowded at very performance, and the advanced booking is very heavy right up to the end of September. The production seems likely to be the biggest success Mr. Edwardes has ever had. In the article, Paris in 1851 and in 1907, which Mr. Frederic Harrison has contributed to the August number of the "Nineteenth Century," and which not only is remarkably readable, but which, despite a denser turgescence, the writer says, some day

things of contemporary art in France, but adds: "Being out of humour with painting and sculpture, I consoled myself with music and the drama. By good luck I came in for the Tercentenary Night of Corneille at the Francaise, the Beethoven Commemoration at the Opera, and a noble performance of Gluck's "Alceste" at the Trocadero. Mounet-Sully's Polyeucte is as fine as ever, and some good judges believe the play to be the masterpiece of Corneille. Those persons who have never read Corneille since they were at school and rarely seen his tragedies at the Francaise have little idea how magnificent they are on the stage, how real and great are the possibilities of the classical drama. Shakespeare by all means but the verdict of the ages, of the majority of the human race, is for the Attic rather, than for the Elizabethan type—for tragedy at least." For the moment, alas, poor Londoners are deprived of one of the highest of all intellectual pleasures, the traffic of the Tragic stage; but we are all looking forward to the reopening of His Majesty's Theatre within the next few weeks by Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton with a play on "The Scourge of God," as Attila. King of the Huns, was called, from the pen of Mr. Laurence Binyon. A tragedy on this subject was, by the way, written by Corneille and produced in 1667; and another and later genius who responded to the inspiration of the story was Verdi, whose opera was brought out in Venice sixty-one years ago. All well-wishers of the Stage will wish success to Mr Asche, Miss Braton, and Mr. Binyon in dealing with the great story of Attila the Hun.

INDIAN POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

Proposed Increased Emoluments.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, AUGUST 28.

A comprehensive scheme for improving the general prospects of the subordinates of the Postal Department is now under preparation.

Much of its success will depend upon the funds which the Government of India may be able to provide for the purpose.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 28.

Improved pay has been sanctioned for Postmasters and Sub-Postmasters with effect from the 1st of October next to make up the loss they have suffered in the removal of the commission upon postage stamps. The reform is to cost two lakhs and the whole of the forfeited postage stamp sale commission is applied equitably to improving the position of the men concerned.

Under the system thus introduced there will be five Postmasters upon pay ranging from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 monthly, namely, those of Simla, Dacca, Delhi, Cawnpore and Lucknow and ten upon Rs. 300 rising to Rs. 400 monthly, namely, those of Nagpur, Peshawar, Meerut, Jubbulpore, Howrah, Amballa, Quetta, Aden, Surat and Barisal.

The Allahabad post remains at Rs. 400 rising to Rs. 500.

It understood that a large scheme has been sent home for also improving the position of the Postmasters, Deputy Post-masters and the Head Clerks of Postal Departments in the main offices of Lahore, Rangoon and the Presidency towns.

SYSTEMATIC BURGALARY AT POONA.

Large Number of Bungalows Exploited.

TWO MAHARS ARRESTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUGUST 28.

For the last three or four months a series of complaints have been made from a number of gentlemen residing in Poona and Kirkee regarding theft of property consisting of jewellery, silverware and clothing which had been missed from their bungalows from time to time. In consequence of these complaints the Cantonment Police instituted inquiries and on the 7th instant arrested a Mahar, named Gunpat Yesna, a syce, lately in the employ of Major Bertie Clay, R. A., Ordinance Officer in charge of the Small Arms Factory, Kirkee, as also another syce in the service of Lieutenant Wallace, R.F.A., at Kirkee. These two young men it appears from their own confessions had systematically exploited the bungalows of different gentlemen at night, the time chosen being while the Sahibs were at dinner.

In the course of investigations property to the value of Rs. 3,000 has been recovered, while at the same time two thefts committed at Kirkee last year from the bungalows of Major G. A. Leslie and the Rev. Mr. Baillie were also traced to the two accused and the property recovered. So far quite half the property has been recovered, the heaviest loss being sustained by Major Wanless O'Gowan, Commanding East Lancshire Regiment, from whose bungalow property to the value of nearly Rs. 1,000 was taken. The police, however, have managed to recover the greater portion of this.

The following persons figure on the list of those whose houses were burgled and as the number is a large one it shows that the theives were getting quite confident in the succes of their operations:—

Kirkee.—Capt. Munday, R. F. A.; Lt. L. Boyd, R. E.; Miss G. D. Winby; Lt. B. Congreve, O. D.; Major C. H. Leslie, R. E., Sappers and Miners; Lt. P. Ashfield, 107th Pioneers; Lt. Kingston, R. F. A.; St. Ditmas, R. F. A.; Rev. Baillie, Kirkee Chaplain (1906); Major Leslie, R. E. (1906); Mr. Eagle; Lt. Wallace R. F. A.; Miss Moxon.

Poona.—Mr. Sparow, Telegraph Dept., Lt.-Col. Westropp, S. T. Corps; Capt. Thompson, Mrs. Mackenzie.

Parbatti Villas—Qr. Mr. Sergt. Bronan; Major Wanless O'Gowan, E. L.; Mr. Curtis; I. C. S., Lt.-Col. Dyson; I. M. S., Capt. Dudgeon, Outram's Rifles.

ASSAM LABOUR QUESTION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 28.

It is understood that the Government of India's Despatch upon the Assam Labour Question has now gone Home to the Secretary of State.

DEATH OF MR. W. SULLIVAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28.

Mr. W. Sullivan, Executive Engineer, United Provinces, died at the Balrampur Hospital this morning from dysentery. The deceased was widely known and greatly respected here and his death will mean a great loss to the local Government.

U. P. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Disposal of Business.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28.

At the meeting of the United Provinces Legislative Council, held at Naini Tal yesterday, after replies to members' questions and discussions threon the Vaccination Bill was passed with some amendments and the Waterworks Bill was referred to a Select Committee.

ROYAL DECENTRALISATION COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, AUGUST 28.

In consequence of Mr. W. S. Meyer's appointment on the Royal Commission on the Decentralisation, Mr. J. S. Meston will continue as Officiating Secretary in the Finance Department, Ordinary Branch, and Mr. J. B. Brunyate as Secretary of Military Finance.

No date has yet been fixed for the arrival of the Royal Commissioners in India, and the commencement of work is not in the least likely before November.

GAIETY THEATRE.

"A Message from Mars."

This successful comedy was presented by the Bandmann Company at the Gaiety Theatre last night to a very good house. All the parts were well sustained, and the rendering was greatly appreciated. "The Message from Mars" is a stage sermon. It is the story of a rich man, habitually surrounded with all the creature comforts that this world has to offer, and wrapped up in his hobby—which is science. The man is engaged to the adopted daughter of his aunt. The trio reside together in a comfortable town house, and all is well with them. But there is one cloud upon this abode of bliss. It is a cloud which has settled on many thousands of the homes of the refinedly smug. The cloud is the utter selfishness of the male member of the trio. The natural flow of affection of the two gentle women—the man's fiances and the man's aunt—has had the effect of making of him a potentate in miniature who expects his wants anticipated, and his behests obeyed. He expects his fiancee to take his love for granted, and he expects his aunt to encourage this idea in his future wife. The crisis comes one wintry night. He returns to his warm fireside, to find his aunt awaiting his coming. She expects him to take his fiancee to a dance. He testily refuses. He urges that he has once been out in the cold. "Why does Aunt Martha not herself take Minnie!" Aunt Martha points out the man's duty. But he is blind to all sense of consideration even for the woman he professes to love. Just then a rival appears, a young broker from the Stock Exchange who requests the company of Minnie and her aunt to the party. His carriage is waiting. The scientist's jealousy is aroused, but he bids the ladies depart and falls asleep in his cosy armchair. He dreams a dream. A man from Mars appears, in a green, uncanny garb. He tells the Man the story of his sin in withering words and lightning gestures. The man is furious. He would strike the Apparition, but the Apparition stretches forth his arms from which a current of electricity issues which fells the man to the floor. Having subdued the Man the Apparition takes him through an experience. He is taken to the party. From the street and through the window, he hears the young broker make love to his affianced bride. He hears the latter tell the story of his besetting sin—the Sin of Self. A poor starving urchin from the street appears. He is made to give her a sovereign. Then he is made to hear the news of the bank smash in which he is ruined. He is made to drag £ 80 in notes—all he has on him—from his clothes and give to the wife of a man dying from a street accident. He is finally made to sweep the snow as a beggar from the door of the lady who is entertaining his sweetheart at the dance. The lesson is effective. When reduced to the streets and collarless, he parts with his last sovereign to a fellow tramp who is dying. The then apparition departs—his errand accomplished. Act III brings us back to the cosy fireside, and the awakening of the man from the dream. Just then the fire bell is heard in the street. Habit keeps the Man for a moment nailed to his cushions and his chair. But the lesson has conquered. He rushes forth to the fire, and brings back the survivors to share his cheery abode. Then his sweetheart and his aunt return from the dance. Their astonishment at the Man's act to the sufferers is complete. This conversion has ennobled his personality henceforth he will live for others in forgetfulness of self and all is well once more. "A Message from Mars" has a splendid moral, and the Bandmann Comedy Company rubbed it in with immense gusto. Mr. Claude King as the Man and Miss Florence Hamer as his sweetheart were nearly perfect. The rest of the Company also added their testimony to the curse of the cult of Solf, with much spirit. There were wiser husbands in Bombay by the time the curtain was rung down last night. May the lesson of "A Message from Mars be a lasting one."

To-night the Company put on "The Idler."

THE SCARLET MYSTERIES.

We would remind our Readers, that the above talented combination, will open their short season in Bombay on Saturday the 31st instant and two following nights Monday and Tuesday September 2nd and 3rd. In each occasion an entire change of Programme will be presented, the Mysteries leave for England on the 7th September, and we are asked to announce, as this is positively their last appearance in India, it is hoped the public will give them support, since they come to us with such a good record. The plans is at Messrs. Soundy and Co., where the booking is already brisk.

POSTAGE REDUCTIONS.

Effective from October.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 28.

Important reductions in postage rates are sanctioned with effect from the 1st of October next. The new rates are as follows:

I. Inland Letters:

(a) Not exceeding one tola—1/2 anna.

(b) Exceeding one tola but not exceeding ten tolas—1 anna.

(c) Every additional ten tolas or fraction thereof 1 anna.

II. Foreign Letters:

(a) The United Kingdom and participants in the Imperial penny postage scheme—1 anna per ounce.

(b) Any other part of the world 2 1/2 annas for the first ounce and 1 1/2 annas for every subsequent ounce or part thereof.

III. Inland Parcels-Postage rates are simultaneously reduced, the scale now becoming a uniform one of 2 annas per forty tolas up to four hundred and forty tolas, above which weight the rates remain as at present.

SHIPPING MASTER FOR KARACHI.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, AUGUST 28.

The Karachi Port Trustees have resolved to obtain the sanction of the Commissioner in Sind to the appointment of a Shipping Officer, on a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem rising to Rs. 750.

PLEADER CONVICTED OF CHEATING.

Enlarged on Bail pending Appeal.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, AUGUST 28.

Nityadhome Mukerjee, a Pleader and Municipal Commissioner in Howrah, who was convicted at Howrah on Monday last and sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of cheating, has being released on bail for Rs. 1,000, pending appeal.

THE second half of the Detachment of the 88th Carnatic Infantry which remained at Rajahmundry after the departure, on the 2nd instant, of the first portion, left on the 27th inst. for St. Thomas Mount, so that all the troops stationed at Rajahmundry have now been withdrawn.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 22nd June last amounted to Rs. 3,112, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 1,163. The total earnings from 1st January to 30th June last were Rs. 62,396, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 10,361.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 22nd June last amounted to Rs. 6,440 being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 722, The total earnings from 1st January to 30th June last were Rs. 1,44,908, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 16,968.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE WOOING OF LILAC.

BY

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CHAPTER XII.

It was half-past nine o'clock when the cab, in which Beltran had travelled from his lodgings, arrived at Park Lane, and early as the hour was he found Lady Hammerton's rooms quite full.

Wee Willie Winkie—a colossal figure in his evening clothes, with an expanse of shirt bosom that was like a decorative shield—met him as he entered, and forthwith spirited him away to a spot where they could talk without fear of intrusion.

"Crumbs! but we are having a time of it this evening and no mistake, uncle Tom," he said, as he closed the door and confronted Beltran. "The mater is in a fearful wax over something Miss Melrose has done—(don't ask me what, for I don't know; she wouldn't tell me)—and she asked me to be on the look-out for you and to bring you in here when you arrived; afterwards I'm to let Li—I should say Miss Melrose—know a word about it."

"Then I should do as I'm told, it I were you, Winkie. And now toddle off like a good chap and let your mater know that I am here."

"Oh, everything in good time, you know," replied Wee Willie, a trifle resentfully. "I wish you wouldn't get into that beastly habit of talking to me as though I were an infant. It's a bit hurtful to a man's pride, you know, and I expected a little more consideration from you."

"Sorry if I've hurt your feelings, old chap. Wouldn't do it for anything in the world. You know perfectly well that I look upon you as the man of the family and all that sort of thing."

"I know you do, old fellow; that's why I like you so jolly much, and why I don't resent the mater's asking me to stop out in the passage and watch for you—as though I were a jolly lackey, don't you know. Besides, I wanted to ask you something on my own account."

"Can't it wait for a time, Winkie? I want to see your mater as soon as possible. Can't it wait until after that, old man?"

"No, it can't," replied Wee Willie emphatically. "It's a thing I want to have settled at once. There's no knowing, you know, just when I shall want to make use of the knowledge, and I want to be prepared."

"Oh, all right—fire away, then. What is it you want to know?"

"Well, then, it's just this: How much of a settlement ought a fellow to promise to make on a girl when he asks her to marry him? I suppose I might as well tell you that I've made up my mind to propose to Miss Melrose to-night—at the very first opportunity—and I want to know just what I ought to promise, in the way of settlements, I mean."

Beltran stroked his moustache and coughed behind his hand.

"Fancy asking me—an old bachelor, who has never had any experience in things of the kind," he said. "Frankly, however, I don't think I should mention the question of settlements at all if I were you. I seem to remember hearing that that sort of thing is arranged after the proposal, with the lady's parents or guardians, you know."

"Oh, I see. Thanks awfully; you've taken a tremendous load off my mind, and I'm no end obliged to you, old chap," said Wee Willie, wringing his hand. "I may have something more to say to you on this subject later. Now I'll go to tell the mater you're here."

With that he took his departure and left Beltran alone.

Five minutes later the door was again opened, and Lady Hammerton came in, mildly agitated and splendidly gowned.

"Oh! Tom, this is good of you," she said. "I never was so much relieved in my life as when Tompkins came back with word that you'd come. How splendid you look. It must be years since I saw you in your evening clothes. Really, you are actually handsome."

"Never mind what I am or what I am not," replied Beltran, a trifle impatiently. "Simply tell me what you want me for and let me be off home again. What's the thing about? What has Lilac done?"

"Done? Why, the maddest thing that any sane girl ever did in this world. I've no patience with the stupid creature. I think I wrote you last week that Harry Trawll had proposed and been rejected didn't I?"

"Yes; and that that left no room for doubt in your mind that Edgetton would be the lucky man. It would be a brilliant match for her and I was delighted with the prospect, for her sake."

"So was I," replied Lady Hammerton with a sort of groan. "And now, what do you think has happened? Edgetton has proposed and the stupid creature has rejected him also. Fancy it! An opportunity to enter into one of the oldest families in the kingdom, and a girl from a mining camp declines the honour. I was perfectly aghast when I heard of it."

"I can imagine that," said Beltran; "for you seem to have Lilac's interest very closely to heart, and Edgetton is one of the finest young fellows going."

"I know it," bleated Lady Hammerton despairfully. "And the family—consider that. A more wanton throwing away of happiness I never heard of. The poor fellow is quite broken-hearted over it. He came to me this afternoon, and begged me to intercede for him—(that's how I came to know of the affair, for Lilac never said a word to me about it) —he implored me, actually implored me, Tom, to use my influence to get her to reconsider the matter and when the stupid girl wouldn't listen to reason from me I sent for you."

"Why?"

"I want you to see her and give her a good sound talking to."

"I—I'd rather not, Olivia. In fact, I'm rather busy to-night and I didn't intend to stop more than ten minutes or to see anybody but you."

"But you must—it's your duty, You're her guardian, and you have a right to prevent her sacrificing her future in this silly manner. You must go to her this instant, Tom, and take her aside and tell her that you insist upon her re-considering the matter and accepting Edgetton."

Beltran tugged at his moustache for a moment or two and a serious light came into his eyes.

"Oh, well, then, if I must I suppose I must," he said resignedly. "Let's have it over as quickly as possible, Olivia, for I am in a hurry to get back to my work."

Lady Hammerton's only response was to throw open the door and lead the way out to the ballroom, and so, like this, the last act of the little comedy began.

Lilac espied them the very instant they entered the room, and excusing herself from the gentlemen with whom she was conversing, rose and came forward, all smiles and with hand extended in greeting.

It was the first time Beltran had ever seen her in evening dress, and the picture she made as she came across the long light room fairly took him by storm. A red stain got up into his cheeks and forhead, and something began pounding away at the back of his head until he really felt faint and his lips and the backs of his hands began to perspire.

"So you have really condescended to come to see us at last, have you?" said Lilac, as she came up and gave him her hand. "Do you know I was beginning to think it was all a dream—about my having a guardian, I mean—and that all those happy days at Richmond were merely a freak of the imagination. How well you are looking. Indeed, I am very, very glad to see you."

"You—you oughtn't to be then," blurted out Beltran, anxious to come to the point at once and to have the matter over and done with as quickly as possible, "for I've come to give you a scolding about—about something I have heard. Olivia, where can I speak with—with my ward in private for a few moments? I really must get back to my books without delay, you know."

"Try the morning room," said Lady Hammerton in reply. "If you've forgotten the way Lilac can how you."

"Yes, certainly," said Lilac herself, laughing gaily, the minx! "Fancy getting a scolding—and from you! I'm quite anxious to undergo the experience. I don't believe you could be angry if you tried."

"It will be very hard to be angry with you," began Beltran thoughtlessly, and then, remembering himself, pulled up short and blushed and floundered like the veriest schoolboy as Lilac led him away to the morning room.

When they reached it she rang for lights and curled herself up in a big easy chair with her chin resting upon the backs of her clasped hands and all her gauzy draperies frothed about her like sea foam.

"And now for it," she said with a smile that made Beltran's heart begin to jump as the butler closed the door and left them alone together. "Please begin; I am simply dying to hear."

Beltram "began" without more ado. He told her plainly what he had heard from Lady Hammerton, what he considered was her duty in the matter to herself as well as those who had her interests at heart—and wound up with a brilliant peroration touching upon the glories of being the Viscountess Edgetton and being allied to one of the ancient families of England.

And through it all Lilac sat with her chin on her hands and a smile on her lips and looked him straight through with her laughing eyes.

"Is it all over?" she said archly, when he passed at length and began to tug at the thick ends of his tawny monstache. "I hope so, for I have promised the next dance to Sir Freddy Dale, and I don't like to keep people waiting. I am unlike you in that, you see."

"Unlike me in that? May I ask what you mean?"

"Certainly; but that doesn't argue that I shall tell you, does it? But to go back to the question. Is the scolding all over, and have you quite done pleading Lord Edgetton's case? And may I say a word now?"

"Yes, of course. What is it?"

"Why don't you ask me why I refused him? Or don't you care to here?"

"Of course, I do. Why?"

"Oh, for the simplest reason in the world: I don't love him, and I don't mean to marry any man until I do. If that isn't a good and sufficient reason, then here's another. Sir Harry Trawll was very nice, and Lord Edgetton is very nice, but there's somebody else who's a great deal nicer than either of them, and, as Wee Willie Winkie says, 'I'm sitting tight,' and waiting for him."

"I hope to heaven he will be worthy of you, then," said Beltran blindly, "and that he will prove worth the waiting for."

Lilac got up suddenly and shook out her gauzy draperies.

"I'm sure he will," she said with a sort of sigh. "Dear knows he ought to be, for I've waited long enough for him to make up his mind. There is the music of my waltz. Good-bye for a little time. I really must go now. After supper we will resume our conversation if you like."

"I am not stopping to supper; I must leave instantly; I have work to do."

"Oh, well then, go and do it," she said with just a suspicion of tartness. "I wish you'd take to studying bats instead of stars. I'm sure you'd find it congenial."

And with this engimatic remark she fluttered out of the door and left him.

"It is useless," he said to Lady Hammerton, when he made his way back to her. "She won't have Edgetton, and he may as well give up hoping. She has confessed to me that there is someone else."

"Someone else? Good gracious! Who can it be?"

"I'm sure I don't know," he answered gloomily. "Good night, Olivia, I must be off." And he swung himself out into the clear, frosty starlight and walked home for a change—thinking.

CHAPTER XIII.

The way seemed long enough and lonely enough in all conscience after the brilliant scene he had left, and it seemed to him that the quarter in which he lived had never looked so dull and unattractive nor his chambers so gloomy and empty as they were this night.

He climbed the stairs and went wearily up to them, dog tired in body and mind, and sat down to think; too much upset to open his books or to change his clothes, and so he was still sitting when a cab swung into the square and paused before the building. If he thought of it at all he fancied it was one of his fellow-lodgers coming home rather earlier than usual, and that the soft sound which followed was made by Felicity Maud coming upstairs with the ingredients for his nightly glass of mulled wine, and he was at all surprised when he heard a gentle tap at the door a few moments later.

"Come in," he said without looking up. "Put it on the table; I'm not quite ready for it yet, and—good heavens! Lilac!"

For a figure had come round into the glare of the light cast by the flames in the fireplace, and stood calmly divesting itself of the long, dark cloak in which it was shrouded.

"Lilac?" Of course, it's Lilac," she said as she glided out of her wraps and stood before him in all the misty whiteness of her ballroom frock. "I surely haven't changed out of all recognition in the past three-quarters of an hour. Well, I've come back you see."

He rose, white and shaken.

"Come back he said." But you—you mustn't come back. Good heavens! What was "Olivia about to let you do such a mad thing as this?"

"You mean Lady Hammerton? She doesn't know anything about it. I took what is known as French leave. Felicity Maud wrote me a letter telling me that you were lonely and—well, lots of things—(It reached me a short time after you left)—and as you were so anxious about doing your duty by me, it struck me that it was about time for me to do my duty by you. And so—voila! If you wouldn't stop where I was, then it's quite clear that I must stop where you are."

"But you can't—you mustn't! Good heavens, child! do you realise what you are doing?—what you have done?—what people will say if they hear of this!"

"I don't care a rap what people will say: I only care for you, sitting here down-hearted and alone, and if you won't go back to Lady Hammerton's house, and finish the evening, there, neither will I, and we shall have to get back to the old arrangements that stood before I knew Lady Hammerton at all. I won't deny that I prefer to go back to Park Lane if you will take me there, and will acknowledge that when I left the house I came directly here—"

"Acknowledge it," put in Beltran excitedly. "Good heavens, child! Do you know what that entails! It is the wrecking of your whole life, the blasting of your whole career."

"Why?"

"Why? Oh, if you only knew more of the world."

"Perhaps I know more of it than you imagine; perhaps I have learnt more of it than you think during the last few months. But why need your doing what I ask make any difference because of that? You are my guardian, are you not?"

"Yes, but I could never take you back and do that thing as a simple guardian. I could only do it if—if you were a—a promised wife. Do you understand me?—a promised wife."

She turned her head bird-wise and looked up at him archly.

"Then why don't you?" she said. "I'm sure I've waited long enough. Didn't I as much as tell you so this evening?"

"Lilac!" He straightened up suddenly—as though he had received an electric shock and a flash of sudden understanding lit his face and eyes. "Lilac, my dear girl, you don't, you surely can't mean——"

"Yes, I can," she interrupted," and if you hadn't been the blindest bat in the world I'm sure you'd have seen it long ago, and oh, Tom! what a bear you are! I can't get my breath, you great strong monster, if you squeeze me like this, and you are fairly smothering me with that horrid big moustache."

And "Tom," having waked at last from his long sleep of doubt went on with the smothering process just the same.

The End.

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I. C. S. RETIRING RULES.

Applicability to Officiating Judges.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, AUGUST 28.

It has been decided that if a member of the Indian Civil Service, he officiating as a High Court Judge, shall not be required to retire on completing his 35 years' service during his appointment if the Government of India, for special reasons, to be recorded, sanction his retaining his office until the acting period is accomplished.

This point arose last year in connection with Mr. Gupta's officiating appointment in the Calcutta High Court.

SPORTING NEWS.

CRICKET.

The Triangular Match.

PRESIDENCY VS. PARSIS.

RAIN DELAYS PLAY.

There was no exception to the rule yesterday and rain came down heavily at 11 a.m. to put all possibility of starting the game at the prescribed time out of the question. At 12 o'clock there was a big attendance all round the field which was studded with pools of water, and it was a moot question whether play would be possible before tiffin. The worst patch was the new No. 3 of the golf course to the right of the Gymkhana Pavilion, and the process of removing the water was interesting. Golf enthusiasts saw with consternation a big hole dug in the middle, and as the water was swept into this it was baited out with buckets. Members of both teams strolling out to examine the pitch, gave onlookers hope, and at 12-20 the creases were marked and the practice tents taken down. Further examinations of the pitch, and at last at 1-7 the bell went and Messrs. Lamb and Vakil went out, the crowd showing their appreciation. At ten past one the Presidency came out to field and were followed by Meherhomji, not out 61, and Mody, not out 13, to continue the Parsis' second innings with the score at 83 for 3 wickets.

Frederick opened with the ball from the Gymkhana end to Meherhomji who played out a maiden, and Crump took on at the other end. Sawdust was greatly in request at both ends and a very lucky tip went through the slips to the screen, Crump putting them down very fast. Two went over and there was no more scoring.

It was then found that the ground was in too soft a condition and was cutting up badly where the bowler's foot came down, and after Captain Greig had consulted with Dr. Pavri it was decided to adjourn till 2 45, taking tiffin at 1-45 instead of at 2.

Resuming after tiffin Meherhomji secured a single off Frederick. In the next a double bye was obtained and 90 was telegraphed. Meherhomji hit Frederick for a single and a couple in succession. Four byes were then obtained but not before Meherhomji had added two more to his score. The total reached 99 and Crump put up a maiden. Frederick followed suit, thanks to Airy's good fielding who stopped all the hits from Meherhomji at point. In the next over Mody was smartly held in the slips by Faviell off Crump [99-4-17]. Mody had played a good, sound game at a time when wickets were falling fast. Meherhomji had made 67 when Raja came in and, cutting Crump his first ball into the slips, sent 100 up at 3 o'clock. Grieg now went on instead of Frederick and Raja drove him the long field for a single and Meherhomji for a single to long on, three men being in the country for him. A nice cut by the same man off Crump was finely fielded by Grieg and then a single went to mid-off. With a single to extra cover he had made seventy when Grieg clean bowled Raja the next ball. [104-5-2.]

At 3-10 Mulla came in to play the last two of the over and his partner drove Crump to mid-off for a single but Mulla failed to score. The sun was strong and had considerably dried the wicket, with the result that it was beginning to bump, none too bright a sign for the Presidency. Greig sent down a maiden and Mulla at last opened with a single off Crump to mid-off. After being beaten, Meherhomji drove to square leg but Hinde saved the boundary. A lucky single by the same to third man was all off Greig's next and Milne went on instead of Crump at 3-22 with the score at 108.

A very short one Meherhomji put to leg for a single but the next, a yorker, just bumped over Mulla's wicket. Greig fielded a very hot return but the next Meherhomji sent to Rutter at long on and 110 went up at 3-25. A very soft one then was driven hard to leg but Airy was there and only two were run, followed by a single also to Mulla to extra cover. Off the fifth ball by Milne, however, Philbrick caught Mulla smartly. (114-6-4.)

Meherhomji had made 75 when Pavri came in and opened with a single to leg. He was not at home with Greig who bowled a maiden and Milne clean beat Meherhomji, missing the off stump. He put him away to leg for one and Pavri got a single to deep extra, Greig again was applauded for stopping a hot one and then saw one of his break away over the wicket to leg, beating Philbrick in the bargain, going for two byes which went to the batsman as Vakil did not signal. A single followed to each and 120 went up. Vakil now, however, signalled the two byes mentioned. Milne's first ball was a short one and Meherhomji hit him to square leg clean on top of the scoring tent, bringing his score to 80.

Faviell went on instead of Greig, his first over being a maiden to Meherhomjee who seemed to play everyone with the utmost ease. Milne's first ball Pavri scooped up into Frederick's hands who easily caught him at mid-on, [129-7-5.]

Warden followed to join Meherhomji, 84, and a no ball sent 130 up but the next, coming in about a foot, clean bowled the new comer. [130-8-0.]

At 3-48 K. B. Mistry came out to finish the maiden which included two wickets. Off Faviell, Meherhomji sent a single to third man but two balls later Dewing easily caught Mistry at cover. [131-9-0.]

Last man in was Bulsara who would have to stay to give Meherhomji a chance of securing his century for which he still wanted 15. With a single he kept the bowling and Milne sent one just over, Meherhomji refusing to run, a bye, sent Milne straight for two. A no-ball and then he drove finely to the left of Hinde to the leg boundary, thus making his score 92, but Milne putting in a fast one down, he failed to keep the bowling. Bulsara achieved his object of giving his partner the bowling with a single to long on, and 140 went up. A single followed and Faviell just missed the off-stump with Bulsara playing the last and giving Meherhomji the bowling from Milne. A muff by Rutter let two go to him with his score 95 now, and though there was a good two he only ran one from a stroke to leg and kept the bowling again, Crump going on instead of Faviell, Meherhomji drove him over Powell's head at third man, the ball going to the boundary, though they ran four. The next ball, however, was a skier to mid-on which Rutter held, and the side was out for 148.

Meherhomji's had been a grand exhibition of cricket, with only one blemish and that a hard chance to Dewing at cover on the previous day. His strokes were all round the wicket, the prettiest being those between extra cover and third man. In both innings he had been the mainstay of the Parsis and without him it is easy to see what the scores would have been on each day. He could get nobody except Mody to stay with him and there was tremendous excitement as to whether he would reach three figures before Bulsara could be dismissed. He was at the wickets two hours and twenty-five minutes scoring three-quarters of the sum total with only one chance. Eleven fours, a six, three threes and eight twos figured in his score.

This gives the Presidency 207 runs to get to win and an improving wicket to get them on, the stickiness wearing off with a very strong sun beating down. The innings closed at 4-10.

THE PRESIDENCY IN.

At 4-20, Greig and Airy went in to open the Presidency's last and all-important venture, the latter hitting his first ball from Bulsara for a single to long leg. Greig scored an identical one but the fourth ball saw Airy send up an easy catch in the slips to Chothia. (2-1-1).

Rutter followed and just got down to a low one, the last of the over, K. M. Mistry taking on at the Gymkhana end. The third ball Greig pulled to square leg for three and Rutter was clean beaten the next ball, and the next. The last he hit for a single and then drove Bulsara to long on for three with a risky single by Greig in the slips sending 10 up at 4-27. He notched a single, a drive to long off, and then had he let out at a leg ball from Bulsara he would have hit Mulla on the head. The next he drove over Warden's head at mid-on for three, but one was short. A strong drive off Mistry was well saved by Meherhomji at third man and Rutter cut the other bowler for one in the slips. The next ball Greig sent between cover and mid-off for two. A hit to leg by Rutter in the next over fell short of the boundary and they ran three, Greig following with a single past mid-off sent 20 up at 4-40. Off Bulsara, the ball went from Mulla's pads to the wicket. Many thought Greig was bowled and he smilingly took his hat off when they applauded. A leg bye, and then Rutter drove Bulsara straight for four, the first boundary hit. Off a bumper Mody could only get it first bound and Greig next drove nicely past cover for a single. Bulsara's first ball Greig drove again for two past cover and another brace in the slips, sending 30 up at 3-45. A cleverly run single to mid-on gave him the bowling off Mistry whom he cut grandly to the tents between cover and third man—a characteristic stroke followed by a single near the same place. Rutter drove the next past cover to the score tent. Chothia at point fielded a cut by Greig well, but then with a pat for one to mid-on he sent 40 up at 4-53. It was thought Warden was going on but he pointed to his foot and Mistry continued, Greig putting him away to leg for one and hitting him to the long on boundary, and they now passed, their first innings total.

Greig put Bulsara nicely to leg for a couple, a stroke he repeated for a single and kept the bowling, Warden going on for Mistry at 49 at five o'clock. With his first ball he clean bowled Greig after a bright and pretty innings. [49-1-27.] Rutter had made 20.

Dewing went in next and he missing a leg ball, there were three byes, and 50 went up at 5-3. Rutter hit and single and then Dewing drove hard to long on for three, the ball stopping dead in the wet ground in the corner near the Police tent. Off Bulsara's second ball, however, he was easily taken at point by Mody. [56-3-3.]

With Rutter 21, Faviell came in and played out a maiden, and Rutter hit Warden for one to long on.

Faviell at last opened with a single off Warden to mid-off but the next ball Rutter hit up for K. M. Mistry to catch easily at cover-point. [58-4-22.]

Powell followed and played a maiden from Bulsara. Faviell next put away Warden for a couple in the slips, but one after that from Warden clean bowled him. [60-5-3.]

Hinde was the next man in but did not stay at the wicket for long. The second ball that he received from Warden was too good for him and he was clean bowled. [60-6-0.]

Frederick joined Powell and got a single off Warden. This brought him to face Bulsara, off whom he played a maiden. Powell got one single off Warden in the next over. This bowler was now putting them down most puzzlingly and clean bowled Frederick before he could score any further. [62-7 1.]

Milne followed but only to go away the first ball he received from Warden. He was stumped by Mulla as he left the crease to hit out at Warden. [62-8-0.]

Crump and Powell were now together. The former scored a single off Warden. In the next over, however, he was caught off Bulsara by Mody at point. [63-9-1.]

Philbrick, last of the Presidency team, was now at the wicket but before he could score anything Bulsara clean bowled him. [63-10-0.]

The Presidency thus lost by 143 runs. This result was entirely due to the Parsi bowling. Warden's analysis showed 6 wickets for 11 runs. Bulsara captured four wickets for 24 runs.

Once Greig left it was all over, the rest appeared losing hear.

Scores:—

PARSIS.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr K M Mistry, run out	7	c Rutter, b Crump	0	
Mr D E Mody b Fredericks	0	c Faviell, b Crump	17	
Mr S M Chothia, c Crump, b Faviell	14	c Greig, b Crump	1	
Mr R F Meherhomji, c Faviell, b Greig	44	c Rutter, b Crump	100	
Mr Darab Mistry, c Airy, b Milne	0	c Frederick, b Milne	4	
Mr D N Raja (capt.), b Crump	11	b Greig	3	
Mr H F Mulla, b Crump	2	c Phil brick, b Milne	4	
Dr M E Pavri, b Crump	11	c Frederick, b Milne	5	
Mr J J Warden, c Greig, b Faviell	9	b Milne	0	
Mr M D Bulsara, not out	1	not out	1	
Mr K B Mistry, c Philbrick, b Crump	0	c Dowing, b Faviell	0	
Extras	3	Extras	14	
Total	102	Total	148	

Fall of wickets:—1 for 7; 2 for 7; 3 for 43; 4 for 55; 5 for 79; 6 for 79, 7 for 898 for 100; 9 for 100; 10 for 102.

Fall of wickets: -1 for 1; 2 for 2; 3 for 29; 4 for 99; 5 for 104; 6 for 114; 7 for 129; 8 for 130; 9 for 131; 10 for 148.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	R	M	W	O	R	M	W
Mr Crump	12	21	3	4	13·2	43	2	4
Capt Frederick*,	6	29	0	1	6	11	2	0
Mr Milne†	9	24	3	1	11	30	3	4
Mr Faviell	6·4	20	1	2	8	15	2	1
Capt Greig	8	14	1	1	11	22	3	1
Capt Hinde	..	..	..	..	2	13	0	0

* Bowled two no balls. † Bowled one no ball.

* Bowled four no balls.

PRESIDENCY.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt Greig, c Chothia, b Bulsara	3	b Warden	27	
Mr Airy, b Bulsara	9	c Chottia, b Bulsara	1	
Capt Rutter, b Bulsara	0	c K M Mistry, b Bulsara	22	
Major Dewing, c Mulla, b Bulsara	0	c Mody, b Bul

BY THE WAY.

THE ALCOHOL ALLOWANCE.

Dr. Robert Hutchison, the leading English expert on dietetics. According to Dr. Hutchison, "half a bottle of natural wine a day for a sedentary and a bottle a day for a vigorous and actively employed adult affords a reasonable and prudent allowance of alcohol, and this quantity of wine, either alone or with water, will be enough to satisfy the needs of moderate persons for a beverage at lunch and dinner, the only two meals with which, as a rule, alcohol should be taken." Natural wine contains about 10 per cent. of alcohol, and half a bottle of wine (two-thirds of a pint) is nearly equal in alcoholic strength to three pints of beer at 2½ per cent. Ordinary Burton ale, however, is twice this strength, so that, to preserve the scale, one must read two or three glasses for two or three pints of ordinary beer. Spirits contain about 50 per cent. of alcohol, so that the corresponding allowance of whisky would be two-fifteenths of a pint, or very little more than a quarter of a tumblerful of neat spirit.

ANOTHER GOLF STORY.

Mr. X invited Mr. Y the other day to try the game of golf for the first time, on links not far from Manchester. The day selected happened to be a competition day, and Mr. X, desiring to see the competition, instead of taking his friend round himself, lent him, two clubs and three balls and handed him over to his son, who was also a novice, though not, like Mr. Y, totally ignorant of the game. That evening Mr. X and Mr. Y were travelling to their common suburb by train, and, in reply to Mr. X, Mr. Y said he had the most extraordinary luck. "I lost the three balls you gave me in as many minutes, but, strange to say, when looking for each of my lost balls I found another." "I say, old chap," replied Mr. X, "your luck is still with you! It's a good thing for you that you caught this train. They have had to postpone the competition because so many of the balls have mysteriously disappeared."

NORWAY AND THE SHETLAND.

The "moral and legal claim" of the King of Norway to the Shetland Isles, to which Mr. Cathcart Wason has drawn the Prime Minister's attention was explained in our leader columns yesterday. Needless to say, that is not the aspect of the question in which Mr. Wason and his constituents are seriously interested. It is the failure of the herring fishing that gives them concern, and they desire that the British Government should imitate the Norwegian Government in protecting the whale. And yet the whale is the enemy of the herring, and preys on it. The paradox is explained by the fact that the whale acts as a sort of beater to the herring fisher, by driving the fish to shallow waters in shore for refuge, where they fall victims to the fishermen. We kill our whales indiscriminately, and so leave the deep seas free for the herring to seek refuge in from the snares of the fishermen. If the Shetlanders were still under the laws of the Norwegians the Shetlanders would have larger hauls of herring, owing to the accidental co-operation of the protected whale.

ANCIENT RIGHTS.

The Shetlanders, by the way, retained the old Norse laws until 1611. Up to that time they had also power to legislate for themselves, and even afterwards they retained a certain measure of Home Rule. The Norse language survived as their native tongue until well into the eighteenth century. In race and physical type the Shetlanders to this day are pure Norse—tall, fair-haired, and blue-eyed. About the Shetland temperament accounts are not altogether favourable. "Hospitable, soft-spoken, and outwardly courteous," writes one authority, "you are at first charmed with them, and it is not till after a time that you find that there is another side to the picture, far different from what your first impressions have led you to expect . . . You too often find a reserve, not to put it stronger, for exceeding any Scotch canniness. How far the old Norse blood, of which Brand quotes that it was 'seeming Fair but really False and superlatively Proud,' is to blame it would be hard to say, but there is little doubt that centuries of oppression, combined with a system of social economy calculated of itself to produce duplicity and hypocrisy, without any other aiding causes, are mainly accountable." A curious peculiarity that is said to mark Shetland temperament is a tendency to hypochondria, traceable chiefly to dyspepsia. The Shetlanders are very religious, and very emotional in their religion, and "revivals" are very frequent among them.

THE SAVING SENSE.

The following paragraph lately appeared in the "North China Daily News" :—

"There are signs at last of a local demand for Piece Goods. A few nights ago a godown was broken into and a small quantity was stolen. Local merchants note the incident as the most hopeful indication in the market for some time past."

There is nothing like a sense of humour for helping one to bear adversity.

THE UNSCIENTIFIC THEOLOGIAN.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell is reported as having spoken at Penmaenmawr as follows: "The world (to the early Christians) consisted of three planes—that on which they lived, the under-world, to which the dead went, and the heaven above the sky, about as high up as a good balloon could penetrate now. That was an idea everybody then held about the structure of the universe." It may be true that the thinking of many of the early Christians was coloured by the primitive conceptions of the universe which Mr. Campbell describes, but it is certainly far from correct to say that "everybody then held" such views. On the contrary more scientific conceptions had been propagated for many centuries past, and had considerable hold even over the popular imagination. Not only was it well known that the world was in shape a spere, but its size had been measured with very fair accuracy. The story is very clearly stated in Lucretius, not himself a believer in it:—"In the same way they argue that animals (in the Antipodes) walk upside down, and do not fall off the earth into "the sky below," any more than our bodies fly into our sky. They say it is with them when it is night with us, and night with them when it is day with us."

THE RELATIVE POSITION OF THE EARTH.

It was certainly a common error (adds our correspondent) to suppose that the earth was the centre of the universe; but many scientists had progressed from this conception to the idea that the earth was a moving body. We have only to refer to Seneca :—"We must study the problem whether the earth is stationary and the stars revolve round it, or whether the celestial sphere is stationary and the earth revolves. For scientific men have held that we are in constant movement without knowing it, and that it is not the stars but ourselves that rise and set each day." It is perhaps hardly necessary to add that the important doctrines on which Mr. Campbell lays so much stress, the "divine immanence" and the "brotherhood of men," were widely accepted in the time of the early Christians. I do not assume that Mr. Campbell's utterances are adequately represented by the necessarily condensed report in your columns, but certainly the statements which appear there are calculated to give or encourage a very false conception of the state of popular knowledge in the first century A.D. If we take a broad view we shall hardly find another period in history so like our own both in its scientific outlook and in the practical social problems with which it had to deal. Were it not so the study of the Greek and Latin classics would indeed be a vanity.

A MATTER OF NAME.

The action of the House of Lords in debarring women members of local governing bodies from being elected to the chair reminds a correspondent of the old debate as to whether a lady in the chair should be called the chairman or the chairwoman. After all, so long as the difficulty is a tolerable rare one, and merely provides the first speaker, and possibly several of the later ones, with a good facetious opening, there need be no hurry to solve the problem. When the time comes doubtless usage will meet the demand, as it generally does. Assuming "chairwoman" to be adopted, as it doubtless will be, a secondary difficulty arises. Is the speaker to say "Mrs. Chairwoman, ladies and gentlemen, or Miss Chairwaman, ladies and gentlemen," as the case may be? It seems rather absurd to mark the distinction between a married and an unmarried woman under these circumstances. Perhaps as "Mrs." and "Miss" both represent the same word, though for some mysterious reason the one has come to be applied only to married and the other to unmarried women, the best way would be to revert to the original form. "Mrs." is a corruption and "Miss" a contraction of "Mistress." "Mistress Chairwoman" would sound sensible enough; to a Scotchman, at any rate, it would not seem odd.

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THE LADIES' CORNER.

A HARD MISTRESS.

The true woman of fashion is prepared for every emergency, and her toilettes are so numerous that she is never nonplussed. At this particular season more variety of luxurious gowns and accessories is needed than at any other time perhaps. Where white gowns are worn, these must be very numerous, whether simple or elaborate, for unless the wearer is prepared to be always immaculate in the freshness and daintiness of her lingerie frocks, then she had far better resist the temptation of white, and adopt a style all her own. This applies, of course, to those whose incomes or dress allowances are not unlimited, and yet who have the usual round of visits to pay. To these this season is often a very trying one indeed. Mothers of marriageable daughters find it particularly so. They are naturally anxious that their girls should look their best at these country-house parties, and yet they often have had a hard struggle to cope with the demands of the season already. But the effort has to be made. The opportunity must not be lost, for it is "opportunity" that is everything. Young people, especially in these days of uncommentionality, are thrown so much togetherduring these visits that many a happy marriage has been the outcome of even the shortest sojourn under the same roof.

THE OLD ENGLISH AND SUN-BONNET.

I will leave white out of the question, unless the girl has several frocks from last year that can be modernized, in which case two or three additional ones, a pretty flowered or spotted muslin and one of "Tuxedo" made very simply either in princess form or in the full skirt and bebe bodice, the latter being sewn into the band of the skirt and crepe-de-chine or Liberty sash tied in full bow and ends at the waist. Old English sun-bonnets in the same design of muslin will look charmingly appropriate. Should the sun-bonnet not be becoming, then a very large Tuscan or burnt straw, Cloche shape, with full garniture of white ribbon bows, should be chosen. This is for the "white girl," and should constitute her morning attire, with lingerie underskirts trimmed broderie Anglaise, white shoes and white mittens, and one or two white boas and cravats. For the coloured girl I would suggest keeping to one particular shade. The pinks and blues in the linen frocks are this year lovely in shades, and the sun-bonnets can be made in any colour, and look very picturesque. The shoes may be of the same, but I think fawn or mole sued are prettiest, and instead of the sash kid or linen belts with these frocks are also preferable. Other colours, such as lilac, maize, thistle blue, Nile green and reseda are extremly dainty and fresh-looking carried out in this manner, and make a pretty touch of colour amongst the white toilettes.

A TAILOR-MADE SHANTUNG.

Cooler days will necessitate a tailor-made in shantung or Viyella. Serge is always useful, but Viyella has the advantage of not shrinking, and when light or white flannel costumes are chosen, this is both economical and practical. Afternoon gowns, unless for garden parties, will not be needed for this year the lingerie frock carries all before it, and although it still bears that name, the elaboration of some of these gowns is wonderful; needless to say, the amount they also cost is fabulous—the simplicity is only in the name. But young girls will look just as sweet and charming in their simple linen frocks, and their fresh, young faces in the picturesque sun-bonnet, as their elders in all their luxurious lawns and laces.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague, Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comerkhadi and Dongri	1	0	21
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	2	1	16
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	0	0	9
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	1	0	25
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	3	3	12
G Malwan and Worli	0	0	10
Water ...tion	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	7
Total	8	4	108
Total plague deaths to-date	140,924		
Same date last year	1	2	123

CHOLERA.

Attacks.	Deaths.
8	7

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MEN AND MATTERS.

THE KAISER'S NEW RETREAT.

The late Empress Frederick, during the course of her long married life, often regrettedthat she and her husband had no Osborne or Balmoral, to which they could retire for a few weeks each year. Only quite recently has her energetic son, William II, acquired such a place of rest and refuge. This spring the Kaiser has purchased with his own money the wonderful fairy palace named Achilleion, built by the late Empress of Austria, who had dreamt of spending there a peaceful old age. The Achillion is situated on the most beautiful promontory in Corfu, and its marble splendour is reflected in the intensely blue sea which has always had so curious a fascination for Austrian Royalty. The great rooms, designed by an Italian architectural genius, are fantastic in their splendour, and remind the visitor of a Wagner opera. The gardens contain much remarkable statuary, for as the name of the palace implies, the Empress desired above all things to perpetuate the glory of the greatest of Greek heroes. To all lovers of poetry, the most interesting object in the lovely gardens is the exquisite little monument which the first Imperial owner of the Achilleion put up to the memory of the poet Heine, to whose grave she always went in pious pilgrimage each time she passed through Paris.

AN INTERESTING ROYAL COUPLE.

The King and Queen of Wurtemberg, who were visited by the Princess of Wales recently, are an extremely interesting royal couple. King William II was born in 1848, and ascended the throne in 1891 He is one of the few crowned heads who have never visited England, although on more than one occasion he has been unavoidably prevented from doing so just at the last moment. He leads a very active life, and plays a prominent part in military affairs. The King is the last of the male line of the Wurtemberg reigning family, and in the event of his death the crown would pass to Duke Albert, who is a Catholic. Queen Charlotte is King William's second wife, his first wife having died in 1882. The present Queen is an exceedingly handsome woman, and is supposed to bear more than a slight resemblance to our own Queen Alexandra.

DISADVANTAGES OF TRAVELLING "INCOG"

An amusing, albeit an embarrassing, experience befell King William some time ago when he was travelling strictly *incognito*. He was very particular that his identity should remain a secret, and gave orders that he was to be treated as an ordinary traveller by all and sundry. Unfortunately, his instructions were carried out too literally, with the result that his Majesty's luggage was left behind on the journey, and, upon his arrival at Cap Martin, near Montone, the King was obliged to borrow a shirt from the manager of the hotel before he could make his appearance at dinner!

LORD CROMER'S £50,000.

Patriots all the world over will be glad to hear that both Houses of Parliament have sanctioned the gift of £50,000 to Lord Cromer for his splendid services in Egypt. It is true that there have been sundry dissentient voices who have grudged the Earl his reward, but by far the greater portion, even of the democrats, are only too glad that the grant is to be made.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

An amusing example of Lord Cromer's presence of mind is related as having occurred at a dinner party given in honour of a great Mohammedan prince at which he, as Mr. Evelyn Baring, was present. As all the world knows, anything to do with a pig is tabooed by all faithful followers of the Prophet, and the chef had been specially warned not to allow any pork or bacon to appear on the table. All went well for some time, until all at once there came an odour which was suspiciously like fried ham. Looking up, Mr. Baring beheld a servant carrying a dish with some of the forbidden animal upon it, and to the surprise of all present, he jumped up from his seat and bundled the astonished offender out of the room, dish and all. The situation was saved and the distinguished Mohammedan finished his repast in happy ignorance of the indignity he had so narrowly escaped.

AN AMBIDEXTROUS JUDGE.

Sir Walter George Frank Phillimore, better known to the general public as Mr. Justice Phillimore, has been earning some attention lately as an ambidextrous writer. He can write with his left hand as well as with his right, and may often be seen in court exercising his peculiar gift. Justice Phillimore is one of our most learned judges, and it would be strange, indeed, if this were not the case, for he comes of a family noted for its lawyers. Born in 1845, he was educated at Westminster and Oxford, and distinguished himself greatly in classics. In 1868 he was called to the Bar, and had tried to enter Parliament more than once. He is a distinguished authority on Church Law, and has written some clever works on legal subjects. On one occasion, he was hooted by a hostile crowd for passing a sentence which proved very unpopular, but as a general rule few of his Majesty's judges are more liked by the public. Sir Walter has a house at Henley-on-Thames, where he sometimes entertains, and is a genial host who is much sought after.

CHIEF OF THE FRASERS.

Lord Lovat, whose title and states are being claimed by a debt collector of Winnipeg, is a thorough Scotsman and a keen soldier. He was born in 1871, and received his education at the hands of the monks of Fort Augustus Abbey, and afterwards at Birmingham and Oxford. In 1887, when still a boy, he succeeded his father in the title, and later on entered the 1st Life Guards. During the South African war he organised and commanded Lovat's Scouts, and was mentioned in dispatches. His Lordship is a strict Roman Catholic and is Chief of the Clan Fraser. An enthusiastic sportsman, he has travelled much, and is natually a first-class shot. He is very wealthy, with over 180,000 acres, and his magnificent place, Beaufort Castle, in Inverness-shire, though quite modern, is one of the finest mansions in the north of Scotland.

LORD KINGSTON.

The Earl of Kingston, who had a somewhat exciting experience with a burglar in his bedroom at Kilronan Castle the other day, is one of the most popular men in Irish Society. Born in 1874, he was for some time an officer in the Irish Guards, and saw active service in the South African war. He is a descendant of Sir John King, one of Queen Elizabeth's soldiers, whose son's tragic death by drowning inspired Milton to write his famous poem, "Lycidas." Lord Kingston is fond of sport, and some time ago took part in the first motor boat-race held on the River Shannon. He is the possessor of about 33,000 acres, and Kilronan Castle, a fine old place came into the family through his mother. Lady Kingston was a Miss Ethel Walker, daughter of the late Sir An lrew Barclay Walker, and her marriage took place in 1897.

SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

Sir Matthew Nathan, who sails for South Africa on the 10th of this month to take up his duties as Governor of Natal, is a distinguished example of a British Jew who has risen to a great position in the service of his country. Sir Matthew has had a most interesting career, and his promotion has been extraordinarily rapid. In 1880 he entered the Royal Engineers, and saw active service in the Nile Expedition in 1885. In 1889 he was Administrator of Sierra Leone, and four years later he became Governor of Hong Kong. Sir Matthew is a wonderfully energetic worker, and his genial nature has made him welcome in whatever part of the world duty has called him. A few months ago he met with what might have proved a serious accident. He was on his way home from Hong Kong, when he fell into the harbour when entering a sampan from a P. and O. steamer, but was rescued after some difficulty, none the worse for his unpleasant experience.

A BISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Frank Johnson, Bishop of Colchester, has just celebrated his golden wedding. He is one of the numerous band of clergymen who began life in the Army. In his younger days he served for a short time as a cornet in the 1st Royal Dragoons, but, feeling the call of the Church strong upon him, he gave up the adventurous career of the military man and was ordained a deacon in 1858. After many years of useful work in various livings, he became Bishop of Colchester in 1894. The Bishop is an East-Countryman, having spent nearly all this life in the county of Essex. His wife was a Miss Emily Perry, and their fifty years of married life have proved ideally happy.

THE SMART BOY'S HOLIDAY.

It has been rightly said that the word "smart," especially when applied to children, is peculiarly inappropriate; on the other hand, it is difficult to find any other word which expresses so well and in so pithy a fashion even the juvenile section of that portion of society which appears to spend its time in the pursuit of amusement and of new ways of killing time. At least twice a year there comes to the gay society mother the important question of the holidays—how and where they are to be spent, and in what way the beloved, but somewhat feared Etonian, Harrovian, or Wykhamist is at once to be made happy and kept out of mischief.

The relations between the Czar and the Empress Marie have become exceedingly strained, says *Truth*. The Empress Dowager, who is a clever, sensible woman, entirely disapproves of the influence exercised over her son by the Grand Duke Peter Nicolaievitch, who has filled the villas in the Imperial Park at Peterhof with monks and holy magicians, with whom the Czar holds daily and lengthened consultations.

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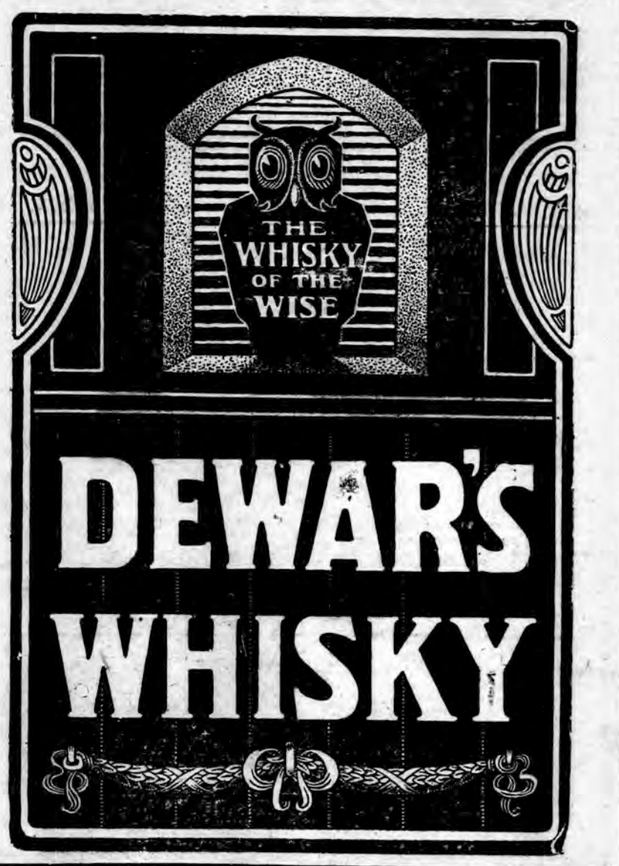

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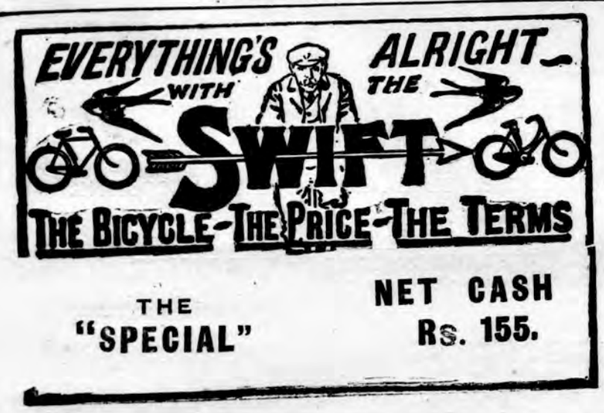

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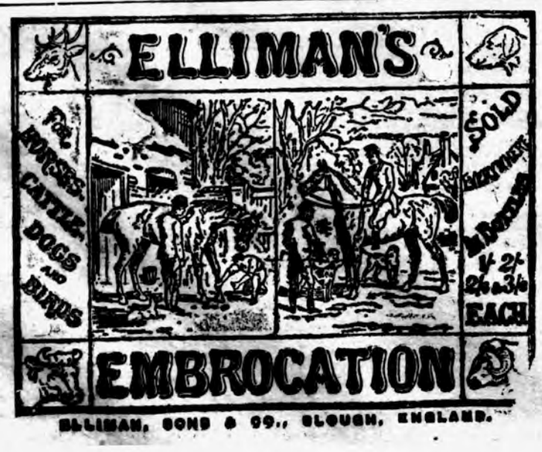

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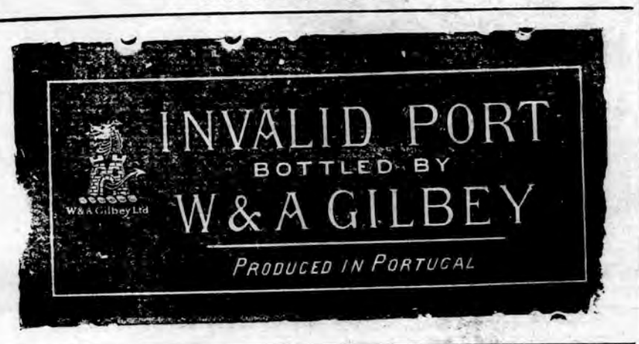

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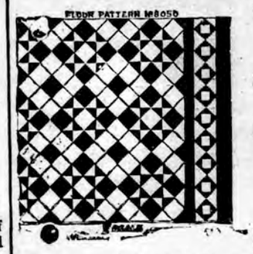

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